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AND

CONSULTATION BOOK

OF

1703

WITH INTRODUCTION

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INTRODUCTION.

"Give to my brave
Employers of the East India Company
The last remembrance of my faithful service".
Dryden, The Tragedy of Amboyna.—

In this Volume are reprinted the Diary and Consultation Book of the President and Council of Fort St. George for the year 1703. It was the fifth year of the Governorship of Thomas Pitt, known both then and afterwards as the Great President, and celebrated through his descendants. He had just beaten off Daud Khan, Nawab of the Carnatic, and in spite of his blockade of Madras had managed during it to send home in the care of his son Robert the famous Pitt diamond. In the Consultation for 13th May the late troubles are delicately alluded to as "the time of the hurry when Dowed Cawn was here."

The principal historical events of the year are the Warr and the Union. The former was the War of the Spanish Succession so well sketched by Macaulay in his essay reviewing Lord Mahon's history of that great struggle; and the Union was the amalgamation of the two rival East India Companies, the Old and the New. On the 28th of June news was received of Sir George Rooke's capture of the Spanish galleons at Vigo Bay and the event was duly celebrated on the 30th by a treat at the Garden where the Queen's and the Right Honourable Company's health were drunk with Great Guns and other tokens of rejoicing. The last event to be so commemorated had been the death of King William and the accession of Queen Anne on the 17th of September 1702 when 101 cannon were discharged with many "hussaws" and all Europeans of "fashing" were invited to the Company's Bowling Garden where they drank the Queen's health and prosperity to Old England. It was after the late King that Fort William in Calcutta takes its name.

In many of his proceedings Governor Pitt gives us a taste of his quality. The Dewan's Peons who had tied leaves in the Company's towns (which was the customary formula for taking possession) after being kept in irons in the Fort were released on the ground that being servants they had only obeyed their master's order but were warned that if they ever repeated the offence they must certainly lose their heads. Similarly Pitt and his Council took it on themselves to open the Packet directed to Bombay which had come by the ship Howland and extract the letters addressed to Fort St. George and Bengal which they found inside. The translate of the President's letter to the Foujdar of Tripassore on page 82 shows his defiance of any aggression, and in the same way when the Governor of San Thomé had detained some people who had gone to the festival, the Free Guard Company were turned out to be in readiness to march there to fetch them if they were not delivered back. In his dealings with the Country Powers Pitt always showed himself a master of men, and Salmon his contemporary who had known him in Madras writes, "I still see the Governor, methinks, coming upon parade and haranguing the troops in their respective languages before they embarked, in such terms as induced the soldiers to express the utmost contempt of the danger they are entering upon and seemed to foretell the success they afterwards obtained." Had a man of his kidney commanded Madras when it was attacked by Labourdonnais, there would have been no surrender and the keys of the Fort would not have found their way to Pondicherry.

There are incidental references in these pages to persons of interest. Nicolao Manucci is mentioned on pages 1 and 16 and his Garden is prominently figured in the plan of the City of Madras which was made by Pitt's orders. Thomas Pitt's cousin John, President for the New Company at Masulipatam, is the subject of severe remarks which cease however on his death at Durumpaut "from a fitt of Apoplex" in March. Nor did Pitt's animosity to John prevent him giving his son George Morton Pitt a seat in Parliament for Old Sarum and using his influence to appoint him Deputy Governor of Fort St. David in 1723

from which position he rose in 1730 to be Governor of Fort St. George. The Patriarch (page 84) who visited Pondicherry on his way to China and from there sent a present of "jocolet"* to the Governor was Cardinal de Tournon. Pitt accepted the chocolate but declined to let Padre Michel Ange go to Pondicherry; the result of which was an interdict in the following year which however had very little effect on the masterful Governor. Another reference to the French is found in the visit of the "Second of Pollicherry", Mons. de Chalonge, to St. Thomas's Mount and thence to Mons. Chardin's Garden, he being ill of consumption from which he died five days later. This is the same "Ffrench Second" who was too sick to go to the Nabob Daud Khan in the Consultation for February 14, 1702. A memorable event is recorded on December 13 when the grandson of the Naick who had granted the first cowle to the Company came to pay the Governor a visit and received a present of 5 yards of scarlet, 2 swords, gold chains, pagodas 110 and one prospective glass. His son "Vencatty Putty Naigue" visited Governor Elwick in 1724.

The Company having no plate for their general table except what was battered and worn, melted down the old pieces and bought the set of plate which the President had brought out with him. One of the items is a Monteth or scalloped basin for cooling glasses. Wood's Life (1683) says, "This year came up a vessel or Bason notched at the brims to let drinking glasses hang there by the foot so that the body or drinking place might hang in the water to cool them. Such a bason was called a Monteigh from a fantastical Scot called Monsieur Monteigh who at that time or a little before wore the bottome of his cloake or coate so notched." There is no allusion in this volume to diamonds but a curious reference occurs to hats; "the Company having sent out some hatts for souldiers for which there is little or no use here, resolved the same be sold at outcry for the most they can get, they being a perishable commodity". They must have been common articles, unlike the Scarlet Coats and Beaver Hats which had been provided to the Portuguez and English officers in the previous year as a gratuity for their readiness to serve the Garrison. Charles Lockyer in his account of the Trade in India (1711) talks of the St. Georgeans as being cloth'd in red, so that the European garrison must have made a brave show.

A curious incident is reported on April 28th of a scandalous paper dropped in the Town objecting to the collection of money for the Black Town Wall. The petition is entered in full in that day's proceedings and will strike the reader as a very capable representation of the grievances of the townspeople, written by some European and addressed not to the Governor but to Francis Ellis Esquire and Councill of Fort St. George. Trouble was also experienced in realising the debt due from the Joint Stock merchants and it is observed when one side put in their answer to the other's petition that "both one and the other being stufft so full of lyes, it is very difficult to tell who is in the right". These Chetties were so obstructive that six of them were "confined to the Browne Godowne," which must have been a sort of Black Hole, for after four months one of them died there, the Council refusing permission for his body to be burned till they got security for the debt. Possibly the greatest sensation of the year is the narrative of the taking of the frigate Pembroke, George Weoley, master, by Pirates at Mayotta on the 10th of March 1703. This will be found on pages 38 to 40 and Mr. Weoley who was detained by the Pirates to serve them as pilot escaped and is found again on page 88. Mayotta is one of the Comoro islands.

Among the articles included in the Paymaster's Account is a new item of black stone which occurs three times and reappears in an order for black stone

* In 1705 the Rev. Philip Hickeringill says in his Priestcraft, "Bless the Mahometan Coffee and the Popish Spanish Chocolate." The ecclesiastical fondness for this beverage appears at a very early date. President Methwold and Council at Surat writing to the Factors at Ahmedabad, Feb. 20, 1636, speak of certain packs sent by the caravan for transmission to the Padres at Agra, containing books, church ornaments, wine, strong waters, physic, and "one tynne pott sowed upp in gunny, which conteyneth a composition which they call chuculatte." In 1636 chocolate was unknown to Englishmen except by repute. Pepys Diary, 24th Nov. 1664, notes, "To a coffee-house to drink jocolatte, very good." Talboys Wheeler misread the word in the Consultation of Nov. 22, 1703, as jocoles, and hence Hobson-Jobson (first edition) queries "Jocole. We know not what this word is; perhaps 'toys'."

for the Bengall House and Chapell which was eventually loaded on board the Colchester. As usual the Consultations contain a number of rare and interesting words, such as 'risgo' for 'risk', on page 40 and 'drums with snaires' on page 11. A snare is the catgut stretched across the lower head of a drum to make it resonant, and the snare drum was the common military drum as distinguished from the bass drum. The strangest domestic occurrence is that of Mr. Adrian Plymour who on June 10 paid 56 pagodas into the Company's cash for his wife's passage from England, a soldier having "listed" in England and proved to be a female with whom he lived on board and married at Fort St. George on June 5. Several deaths are recorded in this volume: Mr. Thomas Mathews, Junior Merchant on employ at the Sea Gate, May 6; Captain or Lieut. John Wyatt, July 14; Mr. John Pitt, May 8 at Durampaut who was succeeded by Mr. William Tillard; Surgeon Royer whose death at Fort St. David is advised on August 30 and Mr. Charles Atkins ordered in his place; and lastly Mr. John Haynes whose death at Fort St. David is reported on December 24. "God make us mindfull of our own mortallity" as the Company's Servants of Hoogly say in their Factory Records under date September 27, 1679.

There are no tombstones of 1703 extant. The Registers of St. Mary's Church in the Fort record 19 burials, 15 marriages and 17 christenings as follow:

Burials: 1702–3:

January 14. Thomas Wright, buried by James Wendey.
January 22. Henry Burton, infant, buried by George Lewis.
January 24. John Brown, buried by James Wendey.
January 25. Philip Weston, buried by James Wendey.
February 3. Elizabeth Wheeler, buried by George Lewis.
February 19. William Mackqueen, buried by George Lewis.
February 22. John Dory, buried by James Wendey.
February 26. Maud Fleetwood, buried by James Wendey.
March 14. John Wesendonck, buried by George Lewis.
March 25. John Watts, buried by George Lewis.
May 2. Jacob de Banc, infant, buried by George Lewis.
May 7. Thomas Matthews, buried by George Lewis.
June 12. Violante Stephenson alias Wesendonk, buried by George Lewis.
July 10. Rachel Mary Magdalen Gray, buried by James Wendey.
July 22. John Wyatt, Lieutenant, buried by James Wendey.
November 27. Mary Ratcliffe, buried by James Wendey.
December 15. William Fleetwood, buried by James Wendey.
December 23. Daniel Wiseman, buried by George Lewis.
December 30. William Veres, buried by George Lewis.

Marriages: 1702–3.

January 18. Peter Lilly & Ann George, married by George Lewis.
February 2. John Bourchier & Mary Strangeways, married by George Lewis.

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February 9. John Meverell & Elizabeth Stilgoe, married by James Wendey.
April 2. Samuel Wood & Mary Turian, married by James Wendey.
June 2. Thomas Curgenwin & Rachell Dobyns, married by George Lewis.
June 5. Adrian Playmer & Anne Daccur, married by George Lewis.
June 22. John Alston & Hannah Akid, married by James Wendey.
July 12. Andrew Gatts & Margarett Alleyn, married by George Lewis.
July 27. Josiah Lafrailla & Anna d'Rosario, married by George Lewis.
August 13. Ralph Ottey & Mary Gressam, married by George Lewis.
September 20. Joseph Jones & Maria Alues, married by George Lewis.
November 17. John Pigrum & Eleanor Preston, married by James Wendey.
November 25. John Thomas & Catherine Benson, married by James Wendey.
December 9. Richard Gulliver & Mary Allairi, married by James Wendey.
December 14. Nicholas Isaac & Ann Cornelle, married by George Lewis.

Christenings:

January 14. William son of William and Lucy Mayhew; Baptiz'd by James Wendey; Charles Alleyn & Robert Atkinson, godfathers; Elizabeth Dobyns, godmother.

January 14. John son of William and Antonia Forder; baptiz'd by James Wendey; George Harris and George Kimball, godfathers; Eleanor Voy, godmother.

January 19. Thomas son of Henry and Elizabeth Harnett; baptiz'd by George Lewis; Henry Sinclare and John Wyatt, godfathers; Sarah Haddock, godmother.

January 29. Frances daughter of Henry and Ann Griffith; baptiz'd by James Wendey; John Affleck, godfather; and Elizabeth Phrip and Jane Dixon, godmothers.

May 1. Jacob son of Jacob and Anne Bane (De Banc); baptiz'd by George Lewis. (Died and buried the next Day, see Burials).

May 22. Mary daughter of Edward and Mary Fleetwood; baptiz'd by George Lewis; Matthew Empson, godfather; Ann Griffith and Jane Dixon, godmothers.

May 26. Ann daughter of Charles and Mary Alleyn; baptiz'd by James Wendey; John Affleck, godfather; Elizabeth Trenchfeild and Frances Proby, godmothers.

June 2. Abraham son of Caleb and Mary Clark; baptiz'd by George Lewis; Joseph Scotterall and Thos. Gray, godfathers; Susanna Defestro, godmother.

June 15. George son of George and Lucy Lewis; baptiz'd by George Lewis; George Herron and Thomas Wigmore, godfathers; Mary Magdalen and Elizabeth Brennock, godmothers. (The Chaplain's son; an extra godmother is noticeable.)

July 12. Ann daughter of Manuel and Elizabeth Meyer; baptiz'd by George Lewis; Isaac George, godfather; Ann George and Ann Lillie, godmothers.

July 18. Ann daughter of Nathaniel and Domingo Bullfeild; baptiz'd by James Wendey; Henry Lambert, godfather; Ann Turville, godmother.

July 31. Robert son of Thomas and Frances Wright; baptiz'd by George Lewis; Edward Bulkeley and William How, godfathers; Mary Caryl, godmother.

August 4. Jane daughter of Charles and Cornelia Bugden; baptiz'd by James Wendey; Matthew Empson, godfather; Jane Dixon and Theophila Heathfeild, godmothers.

August 9. Sara daughter of Matthew and Dianah Dgees; baptiz'd by George Lewis; Joseph George, godfather; Ann George and Sarah Jacob, godmothers. (The Matthias Dies of page 56).

September 7. Johanna, daughter of Thomas and Rebecca......... ; baptiz'd by George Lewis; John Harvey, godfather; and Evah Grossen and Mary Wood, godmothers (The missing name is certainly Dutton, Thomas Dutton having married Rebecca Thomas, July 23, 1699.)

November 19. Lucy daughter of Gabriel and Lucy Poirier; baptiz'd by George Lewis; George Herron, godfather; Elizabeth Empson and Lucy Lewis, godmothers.

November 27. John son of Paulus and Maria Maesman; baptiz'd by James Wendey; Ralph Ottey and Ralph Buckle, godfathers; Violante Plumb, godmother.

The one interesting name in this List is Abraham son of Caleb Clark, who was a grandson of the poet Milton and clerk to St. Mary's Church to which position that of school-master was sometimes added. In the margin of the Register adjoining the entry of the burial of Mary, Caleb's daughter, on December 15, 1716, is this note: "Deborah, third daughter of Milton, the poet, by his

first wife was married to Abraham Clarke, weaver in Spitafields, by whom she had issue the above Caleb Clarke of this Parish ; anno 1717 : born unto him sons and daughters as testified by this Register."

If Milton's descendant represents the old Roundhead stock at Fort St. George, he finds himself in the best Cavalier company with Mr. Theo. Oglethorpe, Writer, who applies on pages 20 to 22 to goe a voyage to China. He neither went the voyage nor continued to serve the Company, for his father died on 10th April 1702–3, two days after the petition was penned. He was the third son of General Sir Theophilus Oglethorpe (1650–1702) Captain of lifeguards to Charles II and Colonel of the Holland Regiment or Buffs under James II; and the quondam Writer on £5 per annum sat in Parliament as member for Haslemere in succession to his father and elder brother Lewis (1681–1704), who is mentioned in Evelyn's Diary as fighting a duel with Sir Richard Onslow, member for Guildford and the second of the three Onslows to be whig Speaker of the House of Commons. Theophilus the Writer became A.D.C. to the Duke of Ormonde and afterwards joined the Jacobite Court of St. Germains, where he died about 1718. Even more remarkable was the career of the youngest brother, General James Edward Oglethorpe (1696–1785), A.D.C. to Prince Eugene at the siege of Belgrade, founder of the American colony of Georgia and for 32 years member for Haslemere.* Dr. Johnson wished to write his life and his name is enshrined in a couplet of Pope, " One, driven by strong benevolence of soul, Shall fly, like Oglethorpe, from pole to pole ". The two Wesleys, John and Charles, joined this paladin of philanthropy in his colony, where negro slavery and rum were strictly prohibited, and later on came Whitefield who declared, " the deliverance of Georgia from the Spaniards cannot be paralleled but by some instance out of the Old Testament ". He has another link with Madras in his marriage (1738) to Elizabeth the only surviving daughter and heiress of Sir Nathan Wright, sometime Lord Keeper of the Great Seal to William III and Queen Anne and junior counsel for the Crown at the trial of the Seven Bishops (Sancroft, Ken, Turner, Lloyd, White, Lake, Trelawney). John Evelyn writes in May 1700, " Serjeant Wright at last accepted the Greate Seale ". Two of his sons, Robert and Thomas Wright, were Factors at Fort St. George and one of them Third of Councill in this place and Warehousekeeper throughout these Consultations, with the Hon'ble Thomas Pitt, Esq., President and Mintmaster.

For the benefit of the student or researcher who desires to follow up the events narrated in this volume, reference may be made to Chapters I to V of Vol. II of Colonel Love's Vestiges of Old Madras ; Mrs. Penny's Fort St. George, Chapter XIII ; Talboys Wheeler's History of Madras, Chapters XVIII and XIX ; Sir Charles Lawson's Memories of Madras, Chap. II ; Sir Cornelius Dalton's Life and Times of Pitt, Chapters XII to XVI ; and the Diaries of Streynsham Master edited by Sir R. C. Temple where in the foot notes information will be found about many of the Company's servants named in these pages.

A few errata have crept in, principally of proper names :

Page 7. Martha Laige for Martha Large (widow of Peter Large).
Page 17. Black spine for black stone.
Page 35. Mr. John Fuxon for Juxon.
Page 39. Saul for Yaul (Yawl).
Page 63. Willman for Wiseman.
Page 70. Pauviet for Paulus Rosairo.
Page 75. Mrs. for Mr. Tillard.
Page 88. Browen for Bowen.
Page 90. Sicca for Swordes.

The names of country ships provide the greatest conundrums. The Indian vessel Bombooprau (p. 18) which reappears on p. 65 as Bomrepaum is probably the Bamboo prau or prow, from the Malay prahu, and in a previous

* Ludovicus (1698) and Jacobus (1714) Ogletborpe were both Gentleman Commoners of C.C.C. Oxford, and the General, though a nor foundationer, kept his name on the books for 13 years.

volume mention is made of the "Parr*" Lockyer Watts, master, trading from the same place Pegue. Captain Tyler's Bombay ship the Ruparle (pp. 27, 45) is the Gujerati name Ruparel, meaning "abundance of silver" and the Brigantine Sail Fish commemorates the basking shark or the xiphias. The term was applied to any fish with a large dorsal fin; "the Dutch calling the Histiophorus Zeyl-visch, because it is said to raise the dorsal fin like a fan and use it like a sail". The Sweepstake (pp. 16, 29) was a common name for a ship, even in the King's Navy, between the 15th and 17th centuries. But most interesting of all is the Briggantine Nos. Senh[r] Pillaro S[t]. Augo, Senhior Domingo, Master, which arrived in this road from Atcheen, March 9, 1702–3 (p. 12). Her full title is Nossa Senhora Pillaro Santiago. In the Cathedral at Santiago behind the high altar is a chapel dedicated to La Virgen del Pilar, in memorial of her descent from heaven on a pillar when visiting St. James the Elder (Santiago), the Patron and Captain General of Spain, at Zaragoza. The Pillar itself is at Zaragoza and the curious will find an account of it in the second volume of Richard Ford's Handbook to Spain, written in his liveliest manner. Religious names were often given to ships: and sometimes irreligious, as the Devil of Delft. A historic entry in the Fort St. George Diary for July 22, 1731 reads: "Ship Vierge D'Grace Came in from Pondecherry, having Monsr Dupleix on board Going Directore to Bengall."

* Mr. A. T. Pringle has an excellent note on Parr on p. 166 of the Diary and Consultation Book for 1684 (First Series, Vol. III. 1895).

15*th March* 1927. J. J. COTTON.

RECORDS OF FORT ST. GEORGE

DIARY AND CONSULTATION BOOK

OF

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[*From January 4 to December 31.*]

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1702–03*——

The Consultation and Diary Booke of Thomas Pitt Esqr Presidt: and Governour &ca Council their Proceedings, and Transactions in the Affaires of the Rt Honble English East India Company in ye Presidency of the Coast of Choromandell &ca: begun the pmo: January 1702–03.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY 4TH

THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVERNR:
THOMAS WRIGHT. MATT: EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL. JOHN MEVERELL.

Ordered that One Thousand Pagodas be paid Mr Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Pags: 1000 ordered the Paymr:

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper delivers to the Storekeeper thirty Candy of Salt Petre to be refined for Gunpowder.

30 Candy Salt Petre to be refind.

Mrs: Dubois payes into the Rt: Honble: Compa: Cash Two Hundred and fifty Pagodas, fourteen fanams and three Cash, as the Ballance of her late Husband Mr Daniel Dubois Storekeepers Account.

Mrs. Dubois pays Pa: 250: 14: 3 as the Bal: of her husbands Storekeepers Accot:

Thomas Pitt Esqr: Mintmaster payes into the Rt Honble Companys Cash Nine thousand seven Hundred Pagodas on Account Gold coined in the Mint, received ℘ ship Colchester.

Pa: 9700 pd: into Cash by the Mintmaster.

Generall Letters from the Cheif and Councill of Vizagapatam dated 5th December, and from the Deputy Governour, and Council of Fort St David dated 22d December last, all now read.

Generall Letters read.

Senhr: Nichola Manuch having severall times within these three yeares, requested us to grant him a new Lease for his House, and Garden standing near Tom Clarks Gate, wh: is referred to further consideration, he being now gone to Pollicherry.

Mr: Maunuch requests a new Lease for his House.

Mr Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper reads his Warehouse Account for the month of November last, and payes into the Rt H: Companys One Thousand Pagodas on Accot: Good sold.

Warehousekeeper reads his Accots: & pays in 1000 Pa:

Mr John Affleck delivers in an Account from the Governour, and Council of Trincombar for Sundry Provissions had from thence, in the time of our late troubles Amot Pa 135⅚ which is ordered to be paid.

Pa: 135⅚ ordered to bee paid for Provissions had from Trincombar.

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Mint Accots: Read.

Thomas Pitt Esq^{r}: Mintmaster reads his Mint Account for Six months commencing in May, and ending in October last.

Agreed Sloop Expedition saile to Fort St David:

The Sloop Expedition being very leaky, it is agreed that she forewith saile to Fort S^{t}: David, with orders to be got into the River, & with all expedition to be fitted, and well caulkt, & returned hither Loaden with the Companys bale [s].

The Paymaster ordered to build a Platform before the Sea Gate.

The Dutch having advised us that Warr was declared in Europe by the Emperour, and the Dutch against France, and Spaine, and we fearing we are concerned therein, have resolv'd to put this Garrison in as good a posture for defence, as possible and in order thereto having viewed the works to Seaward, most of the Cannon of which lye too high to do any considerable execution to ships of an Enemy that shall come into this road, wherefore it is ordered that the Paymaster forewith makes a Platforme before the Sea Gate, as the Governour shall direct, on which is Intended to mount six or eight of the best Guns in the Garrison for the defence of the Road.

Narrains acquaints us

Salt Petre 15 Can: sold to Narrain.

a small Government to the Southward request that we would spare him about fiveteen Candy of Salt Petre, which is granted, in regard that that Princes Countrey abounds with Provissions, which some time or other in case of a seige, we may want supplyes thereof.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
Thom^{s}: MARSHALL.
John MEVERELL.

6TH Sloop Expedition, belonging to the R H: Company sailed for Fort S^{t}: David by whom sent a Generall Letter to the Deputy Governo^{r}: and Council therein dated 5th: Instant.

7TH Received a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S^{t}: David dated 2^{d} Instant.

12TH Received ℘ boat a Generall Letter from y^{e}: Cheife & Council of Vizagapata^{m}: dat^{d} 30th Decem^{r} & p^{mo}: Ins^{t}.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 14TH.

THOMAS PITT ESQ^{r}: PRESID^{t}: & GOVERN^{r}:
THOMAS WRIGHT
THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL
M^{r}: FRANCIS ELLIS, *Sick.*
M^{r}: MATTHEW EMPSON.

Generall Letters From y^{e} Northern Factoryes read and a Bill for 2,000 Rup^{s}: ordered to be paid.

Generall Letter from the Cheif and Council of Metchlepatam dated 3^{d} Instant, two Generall from the Cheif and Council of Vizagapatam dated 30th Decem^{r}: and primo Instant, which were all now read, the latter advising of a Bill of Exchange drawn on this Presidency for Two Thousand Rupees, which is ordered to be complyed with.

Pag^{s}: 1,000 ordered the Paymaster.

Ordered One Thousand Pagodas be paid M^{r} Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrisson.

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Thomas Pitt Esq[r] : President reads his Acco[t] : of the R[t] Hon[ble] Companys Cash for the month of December last Ballance Pa 5741 : 7 : 1 and as Mintmaster reads his Mint Acco[t] for the month of November, and December last. The Compas Cash for the month of Decem[r] : and Mint Acc[t] for Decem[r] both read.

Ponagette Narso &c[a] Tobacco & Beetle farmers pay into the R[t] Hon[ble] Companys Cash Seven Hundred Pagodas on that Account. Tobacco &c[a] Farmers payes in Pag[s] 700.

Ordered Tom Beny, Diago de Siquera, Manoel de Monte, Joseph do Monte Topasses be Entered Souldiers in this Garrison. Topazes Entertained.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper sell at Outcry Ca : 3. 9.[md] 23.[lb] of round Pepper being w[t] : received ℘ sloop Expedition, all of itt being damaged. Pepper Ca. 3 : 9[md] : 23lb. ordered to be sold.

The Lodgings for the Assaymasters near the Mint to the Waterside being very crazy, in so much that it is not safe for the Assaymasters longer to live in them, itt is therefore ordered that the Paymaster take a surveigh of them, and forewith repair them. The Assaym[rs] : Lodgings ordered to be repaired.

We expecting from Bengall some silk winders, so that hope to make a considerable progress in augmenting that manufactury but as yet not having any convenient buildings for the same, and whereas the President and Paymaster having view'd severall Places for that purpose, and find none so proper as a peice of Ground near y[e] : Washers ; It is ordered that the Paymaster builds such convenient Houses for the Silk wormes, as those who looke after them shall advise. Houses for the silk Wormes ordered to be built.

Tho : Pitt.
Tho : Wright.
Thom[s] : Marshall.
John Meverell.

Att a Consultation

Present

Thomas Pitt Esq[r] : President and Governour.
Thomas Wright.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

Friday the 15[th].

Ship Phœnix Capt[t] : John Carswell Commander arrived this morning in this road from Bengall and Metchlepatam, by whom we received a Generall Letter from the President and Council of Bengall dated 15[th] : of December, and from the Cheife and Council of Metchlepatam dated 9[th] : Instant, from the Cheife and Council of Vizagapatam dated 30[th] : December, with the John and Mary's Pacquett from the Deputy Governour & Council of York Fort dated 6[th] : July received via Bengall, all which were now read. Severall Generalls receiv'd by ship Phœnix from the No : thern Factoryes & Bengall were all read.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper do forewith unload all Goods, and Stores on board the Phœnix come from Bengall on the R[t] : Hon[ble] : Comp[s] : Account, continuing on board her Charterparty proportion of Salt Petre, and unload the following Goods come from Metchlepatam. Viz[t] : Ship Phœnix orderd to be unloaden.

S. F.	No : 2	...	1	Bale
P.	No : 2	...	1	,,
J. Z.	No : 2	...	1	,,
B. P. L.	No : 2	...	1	,,
O. B.	No : 2	...	1	,,
S. D.	No : 2	...	1	,,
C. P.	No : 2	...	1	,,
G. G.	No : 2	...	1	,,
S. G.	No : 2	...	1	,,
R. B.	No : 2	...	1	,,
B. G.	No : 2	...	1	,,

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What Redwood the Phœnix will want, the Warehousekeepr to buy.

The Persons who lately contracted for Redwood having not been able to bring in any, itt is ordered that the Warehousekeeper buy as much as is wanting for the Phœnix, at what price he can procure it.

Tho: Pitt.
Tho: Wright.
Thos: Marshall.
John Meverell.

At a Consultation

Present

Saturday 16th

Thomas Pitt Esqr: President & Governr:
Francis Ellis
Thomas Wright
Thomas Marshall
John Meverell.

All English except Mr Frewen and Mr Faucet to be withdrawn from Metchm:

Here being a report that there is coming a strong squadron of French and Portuguez Men of Warr for India, against which we are informed the Dutch are making great preparations, and puting their Garrisons on Ceilone in a posture of defence, and we fearing our Nation is engaged in the Warr in Europe, and well knowing that the Dutch will give us no manner of assistance, so think it necessary to keep our Garrison in the best posture of defence we are capable of, and cheifly wanting men. 'Tis resolved that we withdraw all the English at Metchlepatam being eleven in Number, excepting Mr Frewen, and Mr Faucett, and that they are forewith acquainted with these our Resolutions.

Ship Phœnix agreed to be sent to Fort St David,

We being informed that there's a French Ship of considerable force sailed from Bengall to Pollicherry, and not knowing what she may attempt; 'tis resolved to send the Phœnix as soon as her Bengall Stores are taken out, to fetch hither the Rt Honble: Companys Bales att Fort St David, and whereas she wants severall men to make up the Number of her ships Company, 'tis Agreed to reinforce her with six foiles of souldiers, under the Command of a Serjeant and a Corporall.

& Six foiles of souldiers to go on board her.

Capt: Carswell requests 400 bags Petre more yn: Charterparty. Agreed the same be continued on board.

Capt: Carswell making his request in writing (as Entered after this Consultation) for Four hundred baggs of Salt Petre more then his Charterparty proportion to make him a stiff Ship, ordered that the Warehousekeeper do continue the same on board.

Warehouse keepr: pays Pa 5,000 into Cash.. Pa: 5,000 ordered to be sent to Fort St David.

Mr Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper payes into the Rt Honble Comps Cash Five Thousand Pagodas on Account Goods sold.

Ordered that the President payes the Warehousekeeper five Thousand Pags to send to Fort St David on ship Phœnix.

Tho: Pitt.
Tho: Wright.
Thoms: Marshall.
John Meverell.

To the Honble: Thomas Pitt Esqr:
President of the Coast of Choromandell and
Governr of Fort St: George &ca Council.

Srs.

I request your Honour &ca would order me Four Hundred bags of Salt Petre more than the Ships Kentilage allowed by Charterparty to make a stiff Ship, fearing that otherwayes she may be tender. I am

Honble: Sr: &ca:
Yor: most obedt: Humble:
Servt:
John Carswell.

Fort St George 16th: January 170⅔.

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Received ℘ Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St: David dated 14th: Instant. 19TH

Ship Phœnix Capt: Carswell Comander sailed for Fort St: David by whom sent a Generall Lre to the Deputy Governour and Council there dated this day.

Ship Restoration Capt: Perring Commander arrived this morning from Bengall Loaden wth: Rice &ca 24TH

Received ℘ Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St David dated 22d Instant. 26

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNR:
THOMAS WRIGHT. THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL.

THURSDAY 28TH

Ordered that One Thousand Pagodas bee paid Mr: Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison. Pa: 1,000 paid the Paymastr:

Generall Letter from the Deputy Governr: and Council of Fort St: David dated 22d: Inst now read. Letter from Fort St: David read.

Ordered that the Paymaster do provide sheathing Plank for sloop Expedition now att Fort St: David. Paymastr order'd to buy sheathing Plank.

The Register of the Court of Admiralty payes into the Rt Honble Companys Cash five Pagodas, twenty fanams, being the fees of that Court, belonging to the Rt Honble Company from August to December. Pags 5: 20fa paid into Cash for fees in the Court of Admiralty.

Mr Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper reads his Warehouse Account for the month of December last. Warehousekeeprs Accot: for the moth: of Decemr: read.

Mr: Thomas Marshall Paymaster reads his Paymasters Account for the month of Novemr: last. Vizt: Paymastrs: Accot for the month of Novemr: read.

Charges Garrison	Pags:	1,226 : 19
Charges Cattle	,,	89 : 23
West Coast	,,	78 : 23
Charges Extraordinary	,,	6 : 33
Silk Wormes	,,	4 : 5
Charges Dyett	,,	303 : 35
Charges Generall	,,	435 : 27
Charges Merchandize	,,	109 : 14
Fortification & repairs	,,	61 : 9
	Pags:	2,266 : 8

Mr: John Davis formerly Surgeon att the West Coast delivered in a Petition the Purport of which was to be admitted to Bail, which accordingly granted him, and his Petition Entered after this Consultation. Mr: Davis Petitions to be allow'd Baile, wch: is granted him.

We receiving the West Coast Pacquett by the Phœnix, which was carryed to Bengall by the John and Mary, which Letter advises of the following Bills they had drawn upon us Vizt. Bills of Exche: from the west Coast ℘ Jon & Mary order'd to be paid.

One bill payable to Messrs Meverell and Betts	Rylls:	600 :
One bill payable to Dittos	,,	50 :
One bill payable to Dittos	,,	500 :
One bill payable to Mr Chardin		362 :
One bill payable to Capt Phrip	,,	2788 : 3
	Ryll:	4,300 : 3

which ought to have been satisfyed by those Gentlemen in Bengall who wrongfully seized that ships Loading of Pepper, but in consideration the returning of the Bills would prejudice their Credit at the West Coast for the future, it is agreed they be paid.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

TO THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNR: OF FORT ST
GEORGE &CA AND THE WORPll: COUNCIL.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF JOHN DAVIS.

SHEWETH.

That your Petitioner being conscious his inconsiderate rashness in bringing away the Rt: Honble: Companys Sloop in such a manner, hath justly incurr'd your displeasure, doth with most Humble submission acknowledge the greatness of his Crime, and wholy throws himself on your clemency; protesting that he used all practicable meanes (in vain) for leave to come away by such opportunityes as present'd and having no farther service att Bencoolen where he suffered so much sickness, and the worst of treatment, the hopes of recovering his health, induced him to make his escape, and appeal to your Honour &ca.

Your Petitioner humbly prayeth that whereas he still hath a linguering fever, and other distempers of the Viscera, which are epidemicall on ye West Coast, and that nothing contributes more to their cure then Air, and exercise, your Honor &ca would please to grant him liberty on Bail. For which favour he shall as in duty bound ever pray &ca:

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29 Ship St: Petre and St: Paule arrived this day from Macow, Manuel Rodregues de sa Comr: who advices of the arrivall of the Chambers frigat att Emoy.

30 Ship Restoration Capt: Perring Comãnder sailed for Zeilone and the Coast of India

31 Dispatch'd ℔ Pattamar a short Letter to the Governour and Council of Negapatam datd: yesterday, wth: Duplicate of ours datd: 18th Novr last.

31 Ship Phœnix Capt: John Carswell Comander arrived this morning in this Road from Fort St: David with 865 Bales of Calicoes.

Sloop Greyhound Samuel Butcher Mastr: arrived from Fort St David.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

FEBRUARY MONDAY 1ST.

THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNR:
FRANCIS ELLIS — THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON — THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Fort St: David Goods ordered to be unloaded from ye Phœnix

Ship Phœnix Capt: John Carswell Comãnder arriving in this Road yesterday morning from Fort St: David, ordered that the Warehousekeeper do unload the following Goods Vizt:

L G O R	... No:	D.	... Bales	90
L G O	... No:	2.	... ,,	77
L G F	... No:	1.	... ,,	20
L G O R	... No:	2.	... ,,	120
S A O	... No:	1.	... ,,	1
		2.	... ,,	1

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L G M	... Nº : 1	... ...	Bales	1
	2	... ...	„	1
L G O	... Nº : 1	... ...	„	1
S A M	... Nº : 1	... ...	„	1
S V G	... Nº : 1	... ...	„	1
S A F	... Nº : 1	... ...	„	1
B E T	... Nº : 25	... ...	„	1
P O B E T.	Nº : 1.	... ...	„	1
				317 Bales

THO : PITT.
THO : WRIGHT.
THOMˢ : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Dispatched ℘ Pattamar a Generall Letter to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort Sᵗ : David dated this day. 2ᴰ :

Received ℘ Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Cheif and Council of Metchlepatam dated 23ᵈ : past month, with severall Papers as ℘ List of yᵉ : Pacqᵗ :

Received ℘ Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort Sᵗ : David dated 30ᵗʰ past month. 3ᴰ :

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQᴿ : PRESIDENT & GOVERNᴿ : — THURSDAY 4TH
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Ordered that One Thousand Pagodas bee paid Mʳ : Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison. — Pags 1000 orderd the Paymʳ :

Thomas Willaby making his request to bee discharged the Gunroome, agreed that the same be granted him, in regard of his infirmityes being Lame. — A Gunner discharged.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper Load on board ship Phœnix Forty five Bales of Vizagapatam Betteelaes, and Load the remainder in Madrass Goods, and if not sufficient to fill up with Fort Sᵗ David Goods. — Ba : 45 Vizagapᵐ : Betteelaes ordered on board the Phœnix, & to fill up wᵗʰ Madrass Goods.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper do sell sixty peices of Perpetuanoes, at four Pagodas and a half ℘ peice, being most part moth eaten. — 60 Pˢ : Perpetuanoes orderd to be sold.

Mʳ : Thomas Wright payes into the Rᵗ Honᵇˡᵉ Companys Cash the sume of sixty eight Pagˢ : and thirty two fanams, for which Bills to be given him on the Rᵗ Honᵇˡᵉ Company for £31 payable to Mʳˢ : Mary Laige or order. — Mʳ : Wright payes into Cash Pa : 68 : 32 for a Bill on the Compª :

Ordered that the Paymaster Muster Ship Phœnix Company, and report the same to this board. — Phœnix ordered to be musterd.

Thomas Pitt Esqʳ : President reads his Accoᵗ : of the Rᵗ Honᵇˡᵉ : Companys Cash for the month of January last. Ballance Pa : 3986 : 11 : 4 : — Compaˢ : Cash for moth : of January read.

Thomas Pitt Esqʳ : Mintmaster payes into the Rᵗ Honᵇˡᵉ Companys Cash Three Hundred and Sixteen Pagodas, eleven fanams, forty Cash, being for 911,000 Cash delivered the Paymastʳ. — Pa : 316 : 11 : 40 pd into Cash for Copper Cash sold.

Mʳ : Charles Bugden Rentall Generall payes into the Rᵗ Honᵇˡᵉ Companys the sume of Five Hundred Pagodas, on Account Quitt Rents. — Pa : 500 pd ; into cash Accᵗ.: Quitt Rents.

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Land Customer reads his Accot: for moth: of December, and Payes into Cash Pa 244 on yt: account.

Mr: John Meverell Land Customer read his Land Customers Account for the month of Decembr: last. Vizt:

Choultry Custom	Pagodas	178 : 15 : 36
Rubie Broakers	,,	21 : 2 : 12
Town Broakers	,,	3 : 29 : 78
Registring slaves	,,	– : 16 : –
	,,	203 : 27 : 46

and payes into the Rt Honble: Companys Cash Two Hundred forty four Pagodas on yt Accot:

Souldrs & a Gunr entertaind. The former to be pd wages since [he came] from the West Coast.

Ordered that Francisco Repoza and Thomas Carvaly be Entertained Souldiers, and Laurensa de Sa of the Gunroome Crew in this Garrison, and that the Paymaster payes the former what wages is due to him from the time he came from the West Coast.

Paymastrs Acco: for Decemr: read.

Mr: Thomas Marshall Paymaster reads his Paymasters Accounts for the month of Decembr: Vizt.

Charges Garrison	Pags	1,194 : 22
Charges Cattle	,,	46 : 5
Charges Extraordinary	,,	312 : 5
Account Presents	,,	167 : 18
Silk Wormes	,,	6 : 9
Fort St: David	,,	– : 9
Black Stone	,,	15 : –
Charges Generall	,,	434 : 29
Charges Dyett	,,	572 : 27
Fortification and Repairs	,,	43 : 20
	Pags	2,793 : –

Lettr: to the Compa to Par 38 read.

Generall Letter to the Rt Honble Company dated 26th past month to Paragraph 38 read, and approved.

Severall Letters recd: read.

Generall Letters from the Cheife and Council of Metchlepatam dated the 23rd of January, & from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St: David datd 30th Janry: now read.

Capt: Carswell requests Pa 400 for his ships use, and for what reason, Agreed the same be advanc'd.

Capt: John Carswell Commander of Ship Phœnix makes itt his request in writing to Lend him Four Hundred Pagodas on Account of the Ship, for that her stock was long since spent, and that he wanted severall men to make the Number of his Ships Company, and no Europeans procureable, so that he must ship Lascars and pay them considerable Imprest money and to prevent delayes in his dispatch, 'Tis agreed the aforesaid sum̃e by paid him, he giving three Receipts for the same, wherein to oblige himself to pay advance on the aforesaid sum̃e according to what has been already paid him by Charterparty.

President pays Pa: 1438: 21: 40 into Cash moneys of Capt: Lamberts.

Capt: Carswell delivering up this day Messrs: Pitts and Fleetwoods receipt to Capt: Lambert for Silver sent by them to China, the President payes the produce thereof into the Rt Honble: Companys Cash, being One Thousand four Hundred thirty-eight Pags: twenty one fanams, forty Cash. And delivers Capt Carswell the China Account, and how disposed of here.

Tho: Pitt.
ffrancis Ellis.
Tho: Wright.
M: Empson.
Thoms: Marshall.
John Meverell.

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4TH. Sloop Abednigo William Stone Master arrived from Bengall, by whom received a Generall Letter from the President and Council there, dated the 7th January, advising that their troubles are not yett ended.

Sloop Greyhound Samuel Butcher Master sailed for the Malabar Coast.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY 8TH

THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVR:
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Generall Letter from the President & Council of Bengall dated the 7th: of past month now read.

[Letter read.]

Mr: Matthew Empson payes into the Rt: Honble: Companyes Cash Thirty four Pagodas, thirty five fanams, and fifty one Cash for Account of Mr: Batson Pearson Deceased for which Bills to be given on the Rt Honble Campa: payable to Elizabeth Pearson or order for £: 15: 14: 2 and farther payes Forty three Pags: nineteen fanams and twenty four Cash, for Account of Mr James Eustace Deceased.

[Mr Empson payes into Cash Pags. 34: 35: 51 for Bill on the Compa: Accot Mr: Pearson decd: and Pa: 43: 19: 24 on the same Accot: being pd: of the effects Mr: Eu[s]tace deceased.]

An addition to the Generall Letter (℘ ship Phœnix) to the Rt Honble: Company read, and approved.

[An addition to the Letter to the Compa read.]

Ponagette Narso &ca: Tobacco and Beetle Farmers payes into the Rt Honble Companyes Cash the Sum̃e of Seven Hundred Pagodas on that Account.

[Pa: 700 paid into Cash by the Tobacco farmers.]

Gruapau &ca Arrac Farmers payes into the Rt Honble: Companys Cash the sume of Three Hundred Pagodas on that Account.

[Pa: 300 paid into Cash by the Arrac farmers.]

Mr: Thomas Marshall Paymaster, according to an order of Consultation of the 4th Inst. for mustering ship Phœnix's Company do's now report the same to consist sixty nine men and boys.

[Paymasters reports ship Phœnix Compa: to be 69.]

THO: PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

10TH Received ℘ Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St: David dated 8th: Instant with their Pacquett to the Rt Honble: Company.

11 Ship Phœnix about eight a Clock this morning fired a Gun and spread her Colours, to give notice that she was full.

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12 This evening the Governour and Council mett to sign the Generall Letter to the Rt Honble: Company and a Letter to my Lord High Admirall of England.

13 Received ℘ Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Governour and Council of Negapatam.

This evening the Commander of Ship Phœnix went off, and the ship sailed in the middle of the night.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 18

THOMAS PITT ESQr: PRESIDENT & GOVERNr:
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Presidt: delivers in an Accot: of wt pd by him to the Vacqueel at Court.

Thomas Pitt Esqr: President produces an Accot: of moneys disburst by him on Account of Mahomud Hussain Vackeel sent to the Kings Court the Ballance due to the Rt Honble: Compa: is Pagodas 32: 10: 2.

Pags. 1,000 ordered the Paymastr:

Agreed that one Thousand Pagodas be paid Mr Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

The reinstating Senr: Caroone referred.

Senhr: John Caroone delivering in a Petition to be reinstated in the employ he formerly had as Translater of the Portuguez and Dutch Languages, 'its referred to farther consideration.

Fort St David Bill for Pa 250 agreed to be paid.

The Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St: David advising of their drawing a Bill of Exchange on us for Two hundred and fifty Pagodas payable to Mr William Deane, agreed that the same be paid.

Letters to severall Places read

Generall Letters to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St: David, and to the Cheife and Council of Vizagapatam, both dated the 17th Inst: now read and approved.

Suddain rise of Paddy inquired into, wch is occasioned by the Pullamulle renter. New Paddy to be sold at 40 Mer: for a Pago: old 45. and none under. No Paddy of the renters to be sold Warehousekeepr orderd to sell the Comps at the above price.

The Inhabitants of this Place making a great clamour upon the suddain rise of Paddy, being sold few dayes agoe att forty five mercall for a Pagoda, and now thirty five, the occasion of wch: being inquired into, we find that the Pullamulle Renter having a great quantity upon his hands stops all Paddy coming out of the Country, and suffers none to be brought into this Town, but his own, by which meanes he hopes to sell itt at what price he pleases, to prevent which 'tis ordered that old Paddy be sold for forty five Mercall for a Pagoda, and new at forty, and that none of the Pullamullee renters be permitted to be sold in this Town, till he has taken off the stop for prohibiting others bringing graine hither, and for a present supply of the poor People with Paddy, 'Tis ordered that the Warehousekeeper sends to the Banksall to be sold some of the Companys Rice and Paddy, at the aforementioned rates.

Stores ordered to be sent to Fort St: David.

Agreed that the following stores be sent to Fort St: David by the first opportunity, Vizt:

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Cordage 30 Coile from 1½ Inch to 4 Inches.
One pair of Stilliards.
One Iron beame.
Twine Bengall 100 weight
Marline 70 lb.

Sword blades Guilt	20
Ditto plaine	20
Drums with Snaires	2
Boyonetts...	50
Red betteelaes	20 Peices

Ordered that Alexander demonte Topaz be Ent^{d}. a Souldier in this Garrison. Topaz Souldr: entertaind.

Sunca Rama having given Bills to the Duan for the 25000 Rupees agreed for, of which he has been paid in Rupees and Silver most part thereof. Ball: Sunca Ramas Acco t: ordered to be paid.

'Tis order'd that the Warehousekeeper pay him the Ball: of that Account in Silver as formerly agreed on.

THO: PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM^{s}: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Ship Joan Martine arrived from Fort S^{t}: David. 19TH

Dispatch'd ℔ Pattamar a Generall Letter to the Dep^{ty}: Governour and Council of Fort S^{t}: David dat^{d}: 18th Ins^{t}: 20

Dispatch'd ℔ Pattamar a Generall Letter to the Gov^{r} and Council of Negapatam dated 24th: Instant. 25

Sloop Heirusalem belonging to the Royall Danish Company arrived from Bengall. 28

Ship Dansburge belonging to the Royall Danish Company arrived from Bengall.

Ship Alleebux, Bauker Beague Noquedah arriv'd in this Road from Quodah. MARCH ℔MO:

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR. MONDAY ℔MO:
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Generall Letter to the President and Council of Bengall dated the 26th of past month, read, and approved. Letter to Bengall read.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid M^{r} Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying Charges of Garrison. Pag^{s} 1,000 order'd the Paymr:

Wanting very much a Person to Translate Portuguez and Dutch, 'Tis agreed that John Caroone be again entertained att four Pagodas ℔ mensem. Senhr: Caroon Entertain'd at Pa. 4 ℔ mensem.

THO: PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM^{s}: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

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3D The following order was signed by the Governour and Council Vizt:
The Commander of the Mocow ship offering eight Pagodas a Candy for Lead, Agreed that the Warehousekeeper delivers One Hundred Candy to him.

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

3. Ship Rivall Frigot Capt: Richard Rawlings Comandr: arrived in this road from Canton in China.

4. Ketch Abednigo William Stone Master sailed for Bengall, by whom sent a Generall Letter to the President and Council there dated the 26th: of past month.

Received two Pacquetts from the Cheife and Council of Metchlepatam dated the 4th: and 22d: of February the latter advising the returne of the Gentlemen &ca; ordered up from that Factory, who mett with contrary winds which forced them back.

5. Ketch Josiah Lambert Commander arrived in this road from Rackan.

6. Sloop Heirusalem sailed for Trincombar.

8. Received ℔ Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort St: David datd: 4th: Instant.

9TH: Briggantine Nos Senhr: Pillaro St Augo, Senhior Domingo Master arrived in this road from Atcheen.

Ship Dansburge sailed for Trincombar.

12. Ship Naudemaudat Hodjee Sallam Noquedah arrived in this road from Bengall.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

FRYDAY 12TH:

THOMAS PITT ESQr: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Accot of the Rt Honble Campa Cash for the motb: of Febry: read.

Thomas Pitt Esqr: President reads his Account of the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash for the month of February last Ballance Pagodas 3748 :—: 5.

Mint Acct: for the month of January read, and pays Pa. 407 : 7 : 3 on that Account.

Thomas Pitt Esqr: as Mintmaster reads his Mint Accot: for the month of January last and payes into the Rt Honble Companys Cash Four Hundred and Seven Pags: seven fanams, and three Cash being for Custom of Gold coined in the Mint.

Pa: 600 pd into Cash by the Tobacco farmers.

Ponagettee Narso &ca Tobacco and beetle farmers pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash six hundred Pags: on that Account.

Pags: 1000 order'd ye Paymr

Agreed one Thousand Pagodas be paid Mr: Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

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Mr : Thomas Marshall Paymaster reads his Paymasters Account for the month of January last vizt :

Charges Garrison	Pa :	1203 : 18
Charges Extraordinary	„	24 : 1
Silk Wormes	„	11 : 15
Charges Dyett	„	294 : 20
Charges Generall	„	408 : 6
Charges Cattle	„	30 : 30
Account Present	„	2 : 6
Sloop Expedition	„	— : 31
Fortification & repaires	„	119 : 8
	Pa :	2,094 : 27

Paymr : Accot : for month of January read.

Mr : John Meverell Land Customer reads his Land Customers Account for the months of January & February last Vizt :

January		
Choultrey Custom	Pa :	102 : 18 : 24
Rubie broakers	„	16 : 16 : 7
Town broakers	„	27 : 18 : —
Registring Slaves	„	— : 32 : —
	Pa :	120 : 21 : 49
February		
Choultrey Custom	Pa :	149 : — : 10
Rubie broakers	„	4 : 25 —
Town broakers	„	1 : 15 : 7
Registring Slaves	„	— : 8 : —
	Pa :	155 : 12 : 17

Land Customers Accot for ye: months Janry & Febry : read.

Ordered that the following Presents and Factors Provissions be sent to Vizagapatam and Metchlepatm : by the first opportunity Vizt : for Vizagapatam
2 ps : of Scarlett, 6 looking Glasses.
20 ℔ Flint ware, 12 Sword blades.
6 pr : of spectacles, 6 small Prospective Glasses.
2 ps : Aurora, 3 pe[i]ces of Broad Cloth red.
6 ps of Cloth rashes.
Factors Provissions.

Sundrys for Presents &ca orderd to the Nothern Factorys.

The same for Metchlepatam.

Generall Letters from the Cheife and Council of Metchlepatam dated the 4th : and 22nd : February, and from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St : David dated 4th : of March all now read.

Several Letters read.

Ordered that Edward Cornelius be entertained one of the Gunroome Crew of this Garrison.

Gunner Entertaind.

The Governour having news brought him last night that there had been six or eight Peons, who had tyde leaves in the Companys Towns, which is the Custom of the Country when they take possession of any Place, Peons were sent out immediately to seize them, but could not find them, but this morning three of them came to the Governour at Egmore and produced a Paper Translate of which is Enterd after this Consultation, which is an order from the Phousdar of Pullamullee, grounded upon an order he received from the Kings Duan Mahomud Syde. The Governour ordered them to be carryed Prisoners to the Fort, where they were put in Irons, and intended to be punisht for executing an order within our Jurisdiction, without first acquainting ye : Governour therewith.

Newes brought the Govr. leaves were tyde in ye : New Towns. Peons sent out to [f]etch those that did it. found to be the duan's ordr : Persons brought the order sent Prisoners to ye Fort.

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Mr: Pearsons Crimes set forth, and orderd to be confined & not permited to eat at the Generall Table.

Mr: Richard Pearson writer, who came out on the Phœnix, and immediately sent to Metchlepatm: where he behaved himself very insolently to his superiors for which they sent him hither in January last, when soon after he behaved himself very impudently to the Governour, who confind and punish'd him for it, and afterwards upon his submission, and acknowledging his fault with promisses of amendement he was set at liberty, when in few days after he quarrelled att the Companys Generall Table, where he gave approbious language to severall, and blowes to boot, so finding him an incorrageable and debauch fellow, and that keeping him here, may tend to the ruin of severall of the Young men in the Companys Service, 'Tis agreed that he be confind to the inward Fort, and sent for England by the first opportunity, and that he bee permitted to come no more to the Companys Table, but that the Steward shall send him such Provisions as the Governour directs.

Warehousekr: ordered to reserve 500 ps: Moores for Paintings

The Company having ordered by their last years shipping that we should incourage the making of fine Paintings, and chay Goods in this Place, 'tis ordered that the Warehousekeeper reserve Five Hundred peices of the finest and thickest Moorees brown for that purpose, and to be delivered the Painters so soon as we have agreed on the Paintings, and the prices.

A sea Chest wch: has lain yeares in ye: Warehouse orderd to be sold, and the produce put in the Poors box.

There having been a Sea Chest which was many yeares since taken up a drift at Vizagapatam, and brought hither, and has lain ever since in our Warehouse, which was ordered this day to be brought before us, and opened in which was found a parcell of old Cloths, and some silver Buttons, which is ordered to be sold by the Warehousekeeper at the Sea Gate, and the produce thereof put into the Poors box.

THO: PITT.	M: EMPSON.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.	THOMs: MARSHALL.
THO: WRIGHT.	JOHN MEVERELL.

The Duans Perwanna to Mahomud Sheriff Dated Ramsoon 14 in 47 Year of ye: Kings Reign.

By Virtue of Cawn Bauhaudars Perwanna sealed wth: his seale after the Fulay you must seize the Towns and Magawalee the Governour of Chinapatams Jageer under the Government of Pullamullee Country in which proceed according to the Tenor of ye: Letter and whatever the Governours Gomasters have received to this time, you are to receive back to a Dooda, and bring into the Cash, as this you must obey as a possitive order.

14TH Received ℘ Pattamar two Generall Letters from the Genll: and Council att Suratt dated 27th Novemr & 5th December last.

15TH The following order was signed by the Governour and Council. Vizt:

Paddy to be sold for the most they can get.

Whereas some few dayes past we ordered that old Paddy should not be sold under forty five Mercall for a Pagoda, and new att Forty, hoping thereby 't wod: have had the good effect of keeping itt at that price, or makeing it cheaper, but finding it has a quite different effect, and that there is great clamours for Graine, the Governour is of opinion being advised thereto by the Prinsipall Inhabitants of the Place, that the reversing of that order will incourage the bringing in of great quantityes from the Land, which will occasion the making it plenty and cheap, as to which he desires the opinion of the Council.

THOMAS PITT.	MATTHEW EMPSON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.	THOMAS MARSHALL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.	JOHN MEVERELL.

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Ship Charlton Capt: Gostline Comander arrived this morning in this road from Canton in China.

The three Peons that tyde leaves in our new Townes who were by order of Consultation of the 12th Instant sent Prisoners to the Fort and there kept in Irons were this day released, in consideration that they were but servants, and obey'd onely their Masters order, but were severely checkt for the same, the Governour telling them that if they or any others presumed to do the like againe, they should most certainly loose their Heads. 16TH

Received ℘ Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Governt: and Council of Negapatam dated 20th March S. N.

Ship Bone Voyageo belonging to Collawa Chittee arriv'd from Pegue loaden with Elephants. 17TH:

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

MONDAY 22

Mr: Joseph Hiller Provissionall Storekeeper reads his Storekeepers Account for the months of Decemr, January, and February last, and payes into the Rt Honble: Comps: Cash Three Hundred Pagodas on Accot: Stores sold in the aforesaid months.

Storekeeprs: Accot for the moth: of Janry: & Febry: read and Pa: 300 pd: into Cash on Accot Stores Sold.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper do buy Five Candy of Japan Coppar and deliver to the Mint master to be coined into West Coast Cash.

Ca: 5 of copper orderd to be bought.

Mr John Meverell Land Customer payes into the Rt Honble Companys Cash Two hundred sixty one Pagodas, nineteen fanams and sixty six Cash for Account Land Customs.

Pa: 261: 19: 66 pd into Cash Accot: Land Custom.

Generall Letter from the Generall and Council of Surat dated 22d of November and 5th of December last, and from the Governour and Council of Negapatam dated 20th March S. N. all now read.

Letters read.

We expecting before this the arrivall of the Chambers Frigot from China, but by news brought by ships lately arrived from thence, have reason to fear she'l hardly come this season, and our Cash being low besides we are considerably indebted to our Merchts: att Fort St: David, and want money likewise here to finish our last Investment, which has occasioned us to signify to severall People our intentions of the disposing of the Companys silver, which induced Mr Edward Fleetwood to make proposeals for the same, who after severall meetings agreed with us att the following rates. Vizt: Ingot Silver att sixteen Dollars weight for ten Pagodas, and Dollars at Fifteen and seven eights, the money for the same to be paid in two months in Current Pagodas of this Place besides Mr: Fleetwood is obliged to load this Silver on a ship belonging to this Port, by which the Company will reap a future advantage in their Custom and Coinage, and it will be a great incouragement to the Port, but if any unforeseen accident

Comps: silver in the Warehouse agreed to be sold, Mr: Fleetwood oblig'd to load it on a ship belonging to this Port, the advantage the Comps: will reap by its sale, if he proceeds not to China to be returned.

should happen so as to prevent the ship from proceeding on the aforesaid voyage, then the silver to be returned into the Companys Godown, and Mr: Fleetwood to be repaid his money.

Messrs Cooke to weigh it off Senht.

Ordered that Mr: Francis Cook and Mr: Coppin be present att weighing the silver off.

Manuch's Lease for his Garden to be renew'd.

Mr: Nichola Manuch his Lease being expired for a House, and Garden he has in the suburbs of the Black Town, which was built, and planted by him 'Tis ordered that the Lease for the same be renewed for twenty one Years to come, he paying for the same sixty Pagodas.

In consideration of his good services the fine to be forgiven him.

It being the generall opinion of all that ye: aforesaid Mr: Nichola Manuch is very poor, and in consideration of his readiness to serve the Company on all occasions, 'tis Agreed that upon his payment of the sixty pagodas beforementioned, it be returned him as a gratuity for his good services.

Tho : Pitt.	M : Empson.
Ffrancis Ellis.	Thoms : Marshall.
Tho : Wright.	John Meverell.

23d. Ship Sedgwick Capt: Thomas Plumb Comander arrived in this road from Pegue.

24. The Mary Smack William Adams Master arrived in this Road from Bengall, by whom we received from the President and Council there a Generall Letter dated 18th: February and Copy of theirs dated 15th Ditto sent ℔ Charles and Betty sloop, advising that an order from the King for taking off the restraint on Trade was arrived the Prince, but was not yet put in execution.

The following order was signed by the Governour and Council Vizt.

The Mary Smack William Adams Master arriving this afternoone in this Road from Bengall Loaden with Goods and Stores on the Rt Honble Companys Account; Ordered that the Warehousekeeper doe unload the same tomorrow morning.

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matt : Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

25th. Ship Sweep Steak's William Dixon Master arrived in this road from Atcheen.

Thursday 25th

Att a Consultation

Present

Thomas Pitt, Esqr: President & Governr.
Francis Ellis. Thomas Wright.
Matt : Empson. Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

Letter recd. from Bengall read.

General Letters from the President & Council of Fort William in Bengall dated 15th: and 18th of February last both now read.

Warehouse-keepr orderd to buy redwood Pa 2½ ℔ Candy.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper buy read wood att Two Pagodas and a halfe ℔ Candy to pay what formerly borrowed, when the Company had none by them.

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Mr : Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper reads his Warehouse Account for the months of Janry : and February last.

Warehouse-keeprs Accot : for Moth of Janry & Febry : read.

Ordered that the Accomptant draws out an Account of the last halfe yeares Salary due to the Rt : Honble : Companys Servants in this Place.

Accot : Salary ordered to be drawn out.

Ordered that Warehousekeeper sell seventy or 80 Candy Lead at eight Pagodas ₱ Candy.

Ca: 70 of Lead ordered to be sold.

Mr : Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper payes into the Rt Honble Companys Cash Five thousand Pagodas, on Account Goods sold in the warehouse.

Pa : 5000 pd into Cash Accot Goods sold.

Resolved that Five thousand Pags : be paid the Warehousekeeper to be Loaden on the Mary Smack for Vizagapatam.

Pa : 5000 order'd for Vizam: on the Mary Smack.

Mr : Thomas Marshall Paymaster reads his Paymasters Account for the month of February last, Vizt :

Paymasters Accot: for the month of February read, and

Charges Garrison	Pa :	1,248 : 23
Charges Cattle	„	43 : 2
Silk Wormes	„	6 : —
Charges Extraordinary	„	1 : 20
Fort St : David	„	— : 27
Charges Dyet	„	608 : 16
Charges Generall	„	356 : 26
Charges Merchandize	„	— : 22
Black spine	„	15 : —
West Coast	„	14 : —
Fortification and repaires	„	98 : 15
	Pa :	2393 : 7

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be advanced him, for defraying Charges Garrison.

Pa : 1000 ordered him.

Resolved that the Mary Smack and Charles and Betty Sloop, (Tho first arrived here the 23d Instant and the other hourly expected) be both dispatched with all expedition for Bengall, they having brought us [Lacuna] baggs of Salt Petre and [Lacuna] Bales for the Companys Account, the latter we having neither wrott for, nor want them, and the reasons for our returning the Charles and Betty Sloop (the Modell of which was brought out of England upon the Anna) is that they have spoil'd her in setting her up in Bengall, so that she will neither saile nor worke nor one good quality in her, besides her Plank being of that Country, which renders her good for nothing.

Mary Smack and Charles and Betty Sloop agreed to be turned to Bengll : The reasons why returne ye : Charles and Betty Sloop.

The Conicoply under the Warehousekeeper being lately dead, and a new one put in, an Account of the remaines were taken, but finding theres wanting in redwood 19 Candy, 'tis supposed that that quantity may lye under the Cables and Cordage, which to remove the same will cost near to the value thereof so it is agreed that there is the full quantity of the redwood, and that the Warehousekeeper comes to no prejudice thereby.

Can 19 of redwood wanting supposed to be under the Cables.

THO : PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOs : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.
THOMs : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

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26. Sloop Charles and Betty Thomas Harris Master belonging to the Rt: Honble: Company arrived this day from Bengall loaden with Bales &ca: by whom we received a Generall Letter from the President and Council there dated 15th: of past month.

29 Ship Mahomuddee, Mahomud Acheen Noquedah arrived in this road from Quodah.

Received ℘ Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Cheife and Council of Metchlepatam dated 20th: past month.

Ship Bombooprau Caja Cassen Noquedah arrived in this road from Pegue.

Att a Consultation

Present

Tuesday 30th:

Thomas Pitt Esqr: President & Governour.
Francis Ellis. Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson. Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

Generall from Metchm: read, advising of Mr. Woolstons escape from thence.

Generall Letter from Mr: Stephen Frewen and Mr: Thomas Faucett at Metchlepatam dated 20th Instant now read; which Letter advises after what insolent manner Mr: Pitt appeared himself, and all his people in Armes to conduct Woolston off the shore, who formerly was a servant to our Company, & deserted their service, without adjusting Accounts.

Letter to the Northern factoryes, Fort St: David and Bengall read.

Generall Letters to the Northern Factoryes dated 28th: Instant, to the President and Council of Bengall and to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St: David all now read and approved.

Mr: Tho: Marshalls Petition for laying down the Comp service grant'd, and that he is to continue in the Council whilst ashore.

Mr: Thomas Marshall who having been some time Judge Advocate, Paymaster, and one of the Council of this Place, designing in a little time to goe for England, but desireous first to make a voyage or two for China, ys: day Petitioned us to lay down the Companys service, which was granted him, and his Petition Entered after this Consultation. But resolved that he first cleares all his Accounts, and settle all matters in the Court, for which end he is to remaine of the Council during his stay on the shore.

Mr Meverell orderd Paymaster & Mr Dean his assistance.

Ordered that Mr: John Meverell be Paymaster and that Mr: William Dean be Under him.

Mr: Hunt ordered Provissll: Land Customer.

Ordered that Mr: Richard Hunt be Provissionall Land Customer, and Mr: Lyde his assistant.

Tho: Pitt.
ffrancis Ellis.
Tho: Wright.
M: Empson.
Thoms: Marshall.
John Meverell.

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To the Honble: Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President & Governour of
Fort St George & Council.

Honble: Sr: &ca:

Considering the many favours I have received from the Honble: Company as well as from your Honour &ca itt may be a surprizall that I should now desire the liberty of leaving you, but finding it has been a favour granted those in infirior stations, and your Honour &ca well knowing it can be no prejudice to their Affaires at present, presume the request may not be taken amiss from me, not that I am in the least insensible of the Honours or advantage I at present enjoy by their service, but am desireous of seeing the world in hopes thereby to capasitate myself the better to serve them, which I shall be ready to doe on all occasions, and accordingly embrace all opportunityes to make my due acknowledgements for the Honours and favours done me, so desireing you'l be pleased to grant me my request, which will add to the obligations of

Honble Sr: &ca
Yor Obedt Humble Servt
Thomas Marshall

Fort St: George March 30th: 1703.

Briggantine Goodwill Capt: Harnet Comander arrived in this road from Malacca, as also Madrass Briggantine arrived from the same Port. March 31

The Mary Smack William Adams Master sailed this morning for Vizagapatam and Bengall, by whom we sent two Pacquetts, one to the Cheife, and Council of Vizagapatam dated 28th: of past month, the other to the President and Council of Fort William in Bengall dated the 29th: Ditto. And Sloop Charles and Betty Thomas Harris Master saild for Metchlepatam, and Bengall, to the former Place sent a Pacquet to the Cheife and Council there dated 18th: and 28th: of past month. April 2d

The following order was signed by the Governour and Council Vizt:

The Governour and Council of this Place for weighty reasons, have thought fitt to Publish the following order.

That whereas Mr: John Pitt President at Metchlepatam for the new Company, and others of their servants have lately in publick Acted most insolently and Audaciously to the great prejudice of our Comps: Interest and Honour in that Place, for which wee can esteem them no other then the profest Enemyes of our Company, and declare 'em such.

This is therefore to Require and Command all our Companys servants, Freemen, and Inhabitants of this Place of whatsoever Nation to hold no manner of correspondence or commerce with the aforesaid Jno: Pitt &ca otherwise they shall bee deem'd as profest enemyes to our Company, and treated accordingly. Dated in Fort St: George this second day of April 1703.

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matt. Empson.
Thoms: Marshall.
John Meverell.

Dispatch'd ℘ Pattamar a Generall Letter to the Depty: Governour and Council of Fort St: David datd: 29th: past. 3d

The following order was signed by the Governour & Council Vizt

Last night I received two Letters one from Baudar Cawn the Nabobs brother, and another from a Principle Commander in the Army advising that the Nabob

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has ordered them to go against a Polligar Bumraws, for which they desire us to supply 'em with a Candy and a halfe of Lead, and three Candy of Powder about which I have consulted some people, and think it adviseable to spare it, they paying for it.

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

6 Ship Good fortune Francis Holt Master arrived in this road from Pegue loaden with Elephants.

At a Consultation

Present

Thursday 8

Thomas Pitt Esq^{r}: President and Govern^{r}:
Francis Ellis. Thomas Wright.
Mathew Empson. Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

Acco^{t}. of the Comp^{s}. Cash for the moth: March read.

Thomas Pitt Esq^{r}: President reads his Accounts of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash for the month of March last Ballance Pagodas 2041. 27. 1.

Sea Custom Acco^{t}: for the moth: of December read,

M^{r}: Mathew Empson Sea Customer reads his Sea Custom Accounts for the month of December last Viz^{t}.

To Custom on Goods imported and exported this month Pa	161 : 33 : 30
To Freight ℘ Hampshire Bengall	83 : 23 : 40
To permission ℘ Loyall Cooke from China	72 : 1 : 90
	Pa. 317 : 22 : 60

Pa 1380-26 p^{d} into Cash on that Acco^{t}:

and payes into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: Cash Thirteen Hundred and eighty Pag^{s}. twenty six fan^{s}. Viz^{t}: Pag^{s}: 1000 on Acco^{t}: Custom, Pag^{s} 203. 29. 75. on Acco^{t}: freight and permission & Pa : 176. 32. 23. Town Conicoply's Duty.

Pa 1000 orderd the Paymr; and Pa 1000 orderd for the Black Town Wall.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid M^{r}: John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison, and One Thousand Pagodas towards building the Town Wall.

Halfe a yeares salary due to the Comp servants agreed to be paid.

The Accomptant delivers in an Account of the Halfe Yeares salary due to the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{s}: Servants of this Place, ending the 25th: March last amounting to Pag^{s}: 1067. 34. 4. which is ordered to be paid.

M^{r}: Oglethorps Petition granted for leave to go to China.

M^{r}: Theo. Oglethorp delivering in a Petition as Entered after this Consultation for leave to goe a voyage to China; Resolved the same be Granted him, [being] agreable to the Companys orders, and his Fathers request.

Scavengers Acco^{t}: for 12 moths. read, and Pa. 213. 20. 50 p^{d}: into Cash on y^{t}: account.

M^{r}: Charles Bugden Scavenger reads his Scavengers Account for Twelve months ending the ultimo Septem^{r}: 1702 and payes into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash Two Hundred and thirteen Pagodas fan^{s}: 20. 50. Cash as the Ballance of the Scavengers Account for the above Year.

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Diago Pasquall &c^a Mucquaw men Pay's into the R^t: Hon^ble: Companys Cash One Hundred Pag^s: for the fishing Farm for two yeares ending ult^o: of y^e Month.

Pa. 100 p^d: into Cash for y^e: fishing farm for 2 yeares.

Thomas Pitt Esq^r: President pays into the R^t: Hon^ble: Companys Cash Thirty two Pag^s: 10 fan^s: 2^ca: as the Ballance of Mahomud Hussains Account, who was employed at the Kings Court for intilligence, and to acquaint us of the proceedings of S^r: William Norris.

Pa. 32·10·2 p^d: into Cash by the Presid^t: Ballance of Mahomud hussains Acco^t

The Conicoply Cowinda pilla at the Sea Gate lately dying M^r: Mathew Empson recommends one Arreapau (who has been for some Yeares an under Conicoply there) to be a fitting Person for that Employ for that he alwayes found him faithfull, and dilligent but avers he is not able to give security according to the Companys order, and no other at present offering any; 'Tis Agreed he be entertain'd in the aforesaid vacancy.

Cowinda pilla Conicoply at the Sea Gate being dead. Arreapau entertaind: in his roome.

The Peddenaigue having often complained to us that his Revenues are so lessen'd, that it do's not defray his charges, which he imputes to the English, Armenians, Portuguez and other Europeans countenanceing the Goods of those who ought to pay the Peddenaigues Duty, the consideration of which is referred to another opportunity.

The Peddenaignes complaint of the decrease of his revennes, the hearing referr^d:

The Company having no Plate for their Generall Table, or any other use, but what is very old, and battered and but very little of it too, which is now agreed to be melted down, and the President who brought out a sett of Plate with him, and has used it ever since at his own Charge: 'tis agreed that the same now be taken on the Companys Account, allowing for the same, as the Companys silver was lately sold, sixteen Dollars weighty for ten Pagodas English standard, and for the fashioning thereof as it cost in England, and that the same be weighed off to the Steward, and an Account of itt brought into Consultation, that so it may be brought into the Bookes.

The Presid^ts: set of Plate agreed to be bought for the Company.

The Joint Stock Merchants having brought in near to the Amount of what they have received of their last Contract, and laying before us the want of money to clear the remainder of what lying in the Country in order to the finishing the Contract it is agreed they bee paid Ten thousand Pagodas.

Pa: 10,000 agreed to be p^d: the Joint Stock Merchants in farther p^t: of their Contract.

THO: PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM^s: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

TO THE HON^BLE: THOMAS PITT ESQ^R: PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRES OF THE R^T: HON^BLE: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDELL & GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^T: GEORGE &C^A COUNCIL

HON^BLE: S^RS:

The R^t: Hon^ble: Company (as my Father wrott me ꝑ Colchester) have by his strenious application to 'em recommended me to your Hon^rs: &c^a favour in permitting me to goe a Voyage to China by the first ship bound thither, and so fair an opportunity now presenting humbly crave according to the desires of the R^t: Hon^ble: Company, and my Father, that your

Honour &c^a^ would patronize my request, by not onely Preferring my going, but likewise to permit my continuance in the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Companys Service, referring it solely to your Honour &c^a^: favour, I am

Hon^ble^ : S^rs^:
Your most Obed^t^: Hum^ble^: Servant
THEOS : OGLETHORPE.

APRIL THE 8^TH^: 1703.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

FRIDAY 9TH

THOMAS PITT ESQ^R^: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Peices 500 of Moorees delivd : the Painters and Pags : 750 pd : them the terms agreed on what they owe the Compa : to be deducted out of their last Payment.

The Painters were this day before us, when we order'd the Warehousekeeper to deliver them Five Hundred Peices of fine Moorees reserved for that purpose, To Paint which after the most curest manner, ' Twas agreed on the following terms. That they should now receive the 500 p^s^: of Cloth, and with it Seven Hundred and fifty Pagodas, and when they have about halfe done, they are to receive Three Hundred seventy five more, and when they have compleated the same, which is to be done by the 25^th^: of September, the price of each peice is then to be adjusted according to the finest of the worke, and the remainder paid them, deducting w^t^: they owe the Company, being money formerly Lent them for their incouragement to settle here.

The heads of the Casts [. . .] were before the Govr : & Council. The roll what each man must pay was read. to which they unanimously agreed to method for Collecting.

The Cheifs of the Casts having met daily for some weeks past at the Pagoda to consider of wayes, and meanes for raising the money for building the black Town Wall, and works, and having acquainted the Governour few dayes past that they had perfected the same, we summoned all the Casts this day before us, and called over the Roll of how much every Casts was assest; with which they all seemed to be satisfyed, and declared they had given their assent thereunto, upon which we ordered it forewith to be Collected in such a method as they themselves desired, which was to be by their own Conicoplyes, and two Peons to each Cast.

Pa. 449·12·50 agreed to be pd : for Gold Chaines.

There being a parcell of Gold Chaines of fine Manilha work to be disposed of, which formerly we agreed for to Present Abdull Labby but he refusing the same, they were again returned to the Proprieter. And now considering that such a parcell, in regard to their finest, and quantity are seldome to be mett with, and the Company having frequent occasion for the same it is agreed that the Warehousekeeper receive them, paying for them Pag^s^; 449. 12. 50.

THO : PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.
THOM^s^ : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

10TH Dispatch'd ℘ Pattamar a Generall Letter to the Dep^y^: Governour and Council of Fort S^t^: David dat^d^; y^s^ : day.

18 Received ℘ Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Cheif and Council of Metchlepatam dat^d^: 7^th^: Ins^t^.

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Received ℔ Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Depy: Governour and Council of Fort St: David datd: 15th: Inst: 20.

Dispatch'd a Generall Letter to the Deputy Govr: and Council of Fort St: David dated Yesterday. 21.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNR:
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON. THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

THURSDAY 22D:

Generall Letters to the Rt: Honble: Company dated this day, to the Generall and Council at Surat and to the Commodore &ca: Council at Anjengo of the same date, now read, and approved, as also a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St: David dated the 15th Instant, and from the Cheif and Council of Metchlepatam dated 7th: Inst: now read, the first advising of their having drawn a Bill of Exchange on this Presidency for Twenty thousand Pagodas, payable to their Joint Stock Merchants which being now presented. Agreed the same be paid.

General Letters to, and from severall Places read.
Fort St: David Bill Exch for Pa: 20000 agreed to be pd.

Mr: John Meverell Land Customer reads his Land Custom Accounts for the month of March last Vizt:

Land Customers Accot: read, and

Choultry Custom	Pa: 529 : 19 : 3
Rubie Broakers	13 : 16 : 16
Town Broakers	4 : 18 : 60
Registring Slaves	— 32 : —
Fines	30 : — —
	Pags: 578 : 13 : 79

and payes into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Six Hundred and One Pago: Nineteen fans: twenty one Cash, being the Ballance of his Land Customers Accompt.

Pa: 601 : 19 : 21 : pd: into Cash on that Account.

Agreed that Six Hundred and one Pago nineteen fanams, twenty one Cash be paid Mr: John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Pa: 601 : 19: 21 : ordered the Paymaster.

Checa Serapau Payes into the Rt: Honble : Companys Cash One Thousand Pags: in part of the Rent for the New Townes.

Pa: 1000 pd. into Cash pt: of the Rent of ye: New Towns.

Agreed that Fifteen Hundred Pags: be advanced Paulo &ca Washers for curing the Rt Honble : Companys Cloth we being in Arrears to them.

Pa: 1500 order'd the Washers.

Ponagettee Narso &ca Tobacco and Beetle Farmers payes into the Rt: Honble : Companys Cash Seaven Hundred Pagodas on that Account.

Pa: 700 pd into Cash by the Tobacco &ca farmers.

Ordered that John Butcher be discharged from farther service in the Gunroome of this Garrison.

Gunner discharged.

Gruapau &ca Arrac Farmers payes into the Rt: Honble : Companys Cash Five Hundred Pags: on that Account.

Pa: 500 pd: into Cash by the Arrac Farmers.

——FORT ST. GEORGE, APRIL 1702-03——

Bera Timapau Petitions the Govr: & Council about Pa: 10000 pd: into ye: Comps: Cash by Agt: Masters wch: belongd to his Father.

Bera Timapau whose Father, and himselfe have been the Companys Chief Merchants of this Place, delivered in a Petition (as Entered after this Consultation) the purport of which is that when Agent Masters in the Year 1681 adjusted Accounts between his Father and the other Joint Stock Merchants; He ordered his Father to pay them Forty Nine thousand Pagodas, which was accordingly paid, but President Gyfford immediately after coming to the Government, the said money was ordered to be returned him, when was found Ten Thousand Pagodas thereof in the Hands of the aforesaid Agent Masters, wch: he paid into the Companys Cash, and there it has remained ever since: 'Tis agreed the Accomptant Examines the Bookes, and report what he finds relating to this matter.

the Accomptant ordered to examine the Generall Bookes.

The Comps: debt due from the Joint Stock Merchts: was demanded.

Seraupau &ca: Joint Stock Merchants who were concerned in former Contracts & considerable indebted to the Company, were this day summoned before us, and acquainted that they must forewith repay the Companys Debt, and in order thereto they are to meet daily at the brown Godown till the same be finish't.

THO: PITT.
FFRANCIS: ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMs: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

TO THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR:
PRESIDENT OF THE COAST OF CHOROMANDELL & GOVERNR:
OF FORT ST: GEORGE &ca: COUNCIL.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF BERRY TIMAPAU.

MOST HUMBLY SHEWETH.

That in the Year 1681 when Streynsham Masters was Agent he imprison'd your Petitioners Father Pedde Vincatadry, on a dispute between him, and the Merchants, and having seiz'd his Jewells, and Goods sold them all to the Amount of Pags: 49000 which was paid the said Merchants, not long after which your Petitioners Father made his complaint to Presidt: Gifford on his accession to this Government, who sent for the Merchants, and upon examination they declared that they did not take the money, but confessed that Agent Masters paid them 39000 Pags: and kept the remainder 10000 Pags: in his own hand and as for what they had they were ready to pay it, and requested that Agent Masters might give an Account of what became of the rest, who being sent for said it was true he did receive Ten thousand Pags: which the Merchants paid the Company, and he then brought it to be paid into the Companys Cash, and accordingly delivered said money to Presidt: Gifford in the Consultation Roome, who askt him how it came about that it was not entered in the Comps: Cash before, he having had it in his hands 4 or 5 months, to which he had only to say that he thought it had been paid and Entered, President Gifford having thus far examined the business did assure your Petitioners Father that he would write Home concerning it, and doubted not but the money wod: be restored him, in the interim your Petitioners Father dyed, and left your Petitioner to recover that Just Debt, who desisted not from making his application to all succeeding Governours about itt, first to Governour Yale who gave him the same hopes, as President Gifford had done before, but that was quashed by an unhappy accident which occasioned a dispute between the Governour and your Petitioner, after which he Petitioned Sr: John Goldsborough, who gave him his word that he would examine and determine the

business on his arrivall from Bengall wch: was once more delay'd by his unfortunate death there.

Now your Petitioner humbly setteth forth that the money has been a long time lodged in the Companys hands to his great loss, and detriment for which he has address'd himself to all Governrs: successively to your Honrs: time, but have hitherto had no redress they esteeming the Companys Interest rather then Justice. Now your Petitioner most humbly acknowledges that all he has is owing to the Benevolence of the Rt: Honble: Company, and has ever borne them a gratefull respect, so that he could not modestly determine the business with 'em by process at Law, and hopes that your Honrs: &ca will take it into your most favourable consideration, and finding this matter to be true would please to order the Payment of said money or enable your Petitioner (who has done the Rt: Honble: Company many faithfull services) that he may have some likelyhood whereby to maintain his Family, and as in Duty bound

shall ever Pray &ca:

At a Consultation

Present.

Thomas Pitt Esqr: President & Governour.
Francis Ellis. Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson. Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

Wednesday 28.

Mr: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper payes into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash, Thirty five thousand Pagodas Account Silver sold out of the Warehouse.

Warehouse-keepr: pays into Cash Pa: 30,000 for silver Sold.

Thomas Pitt Esqr: Mintmaster reads his Mint Account for the months of February, March and April, and payes into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash; Seaven Hundred sixty two Pags: fifteen fans: & forty one Cash, for Custom of Gold coined in ye Mint.

Mint Accot: for the moth: of Febry: March & April read, and Pa. 762. 15. 41 pd into Cash for Custom on Gold.

There having been a Scandelous Paper dropt in the Town relating to the assessing the Town Wall money written in a counterfit hand in English which we Judge to be by some European who have had some insight in the Companys Affaires, the drift of which can be for no other end then to raise mutinyes and insurrections, to prevent the Collecting the money for building the black Town Wall, and workes, and there being some particular charges against Seraupau the Cheif Merchant, we summoned all the heads of the Casts before us this morning, and examined them to every particular, which they possitively denyed they knew any thing of itt, unless it was ye Charges Seraupau was at when Dowed Cawn was here, which they told us they had agreed amongst themselves should be paid him, which Paper is ordered to be Entered after this Consultation.

A scandelous Paper dropt in Town concerning the collecting the money for the Black Town Wall. the effects of such Papers, the Heads of the Casts were before the Govr: & Council, who were examined about the Paper.

Tho: Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Tho: Wright.
M: Empson.
Thoms: Marshall.
John Meverell.

To Francis Ellis Esqr:
&ca: Council of Fort St: George.

Gentlemen,

Finding personall application to some of you to mediate matters with the Governour about a due regulation in assessing for the Town Wall, has been

fruitless, we have in concert with many others, taken this method to lay before you the sentiments of the Inhabitants hoping your Justice in compasion to us, Zeal to the Hon[ble]: Company, and regard to the wellfare of the Place will induce you to consider the following.

That the building of the Town Wall was by the Hon[ble]: Companys order, some of us have been made sensible of, and we believe it, allso that they expect the Charges of the same should be bourn by the severall Casts, which we think a very great hardship, considering the benefit of Customs the Hon[ble]: Company reaps by our sea, and Land Trade, also the Farms of Beetle Tobacco, and Arrac (which fall sensibly heavy) not to mention the Ground Rent of our houses, Peddenaigues Duty &c[a]:

Altho' these as beforesaid are hardships, and some of them with regret paid, yet by length of time, being become Sallabad (as we esteem them) there is no great demur made now, and are not recited here as agrievances, so much as an introduction to inform you, that we are wholly disatisfied in Serapau Nague being intrusted with the Collection of the Town Wall money lately ordered by the Governour, and yourselves to be received of us, for his audacious injunctions publickly made to the Conicoplys, and Peons (who goe about to gether the money) to beard, and pull us by the necks with Cords to the Choultrey, upon refusall of Payment, which has been committed on some, who were not then in a Capasity to lanch out so much as demanded.

Such insults and outrages are seldome inflicted under the Moors, therefore amazed at Serapau Nagues presumption in giving such orders in the English Government, but they have been redress'd (upon a complaint made to the Hon[ble]: Governour) by punishing two Peons, tho' we are since served almost as ignominiously, being constraind by those sorded Collectours to stand before our doors awhile in the sun, till wrought into a compliance, and if such sufferings are caused by our backwardness to pay, pleased be referr'd to our reasons that makes us so.

1[st]: Serapau Naigue (at a Generall meeting upon his summons) told us the Hon[ble]: Company having been at a great charge for raising a Wall round the black Town for our security, must be reimburs'd and Three thousand Pagodas more added to repay the said Seraupaus Charges of Presents &c[a]: during Dowed Cawns stay here last.

2[d]: Having well considered the Hon[ble]: Companys indulgent care to protect us, shall most willingly acquiese to refund their cost of the Town Wall, but then humbly request may be granted Viz[t]:

1[st]: That only the first cost thereof be assessed.

2[d]: That an English man be appointed receiver or Collectour.

3[d]: That no pretence of Presents &c[a]: made by Serapau Naigue, be interwoven w[th]: the Town Wall mony.

4[th]: That every Cast knowing what each are to pay, have liberty of themselves to bring the sume, which they promise to do within any time limitted.

3[d]: For the favour to some, that can better afford it, and hardship to others in meaner circumstances, more to gratify spleen, and hatred, then any reason induces us to insist on the four requests, which being granted will give a Generall satisfaction, and save the hire of so many Conicoplyes, and Peons employed as now appointed in this Affair.

4[th]: And what further induces us to insist on y[e]: four requests aforesaid, are, because we are under some jealousie, that besides the Town Wall money and the 3,000 Pagodas for Serapau naigue, more may still be taken, and appropriated to the present managers use.

Our selves and Fathers before us, have long experienced the quiet, and moderate English Government and hope our Childrens Children after us may enjoy the like, but when some by their Characters assumes to Committ abuses, under a presumption that their being favourites will protect them against all clamours (which we find too true) we have only this expedient left Viz[t]: to represent our Callamities, and having so done now, we hope a short time will show us the effects of your wisdom, by interposeing in matters so destructive to

the Publick Good, otherwayes we purpose to apply ourselves to the Hon[ble]: Company by sending them a Copy hereof with another memorial of farther complaints of this nature.

Madrass April 1703.

In behalfe of the Native Inhabitants of Madrass.

Sloop Greyhound Samuel Butcher Master arrived in this Road from Anjengo, loaden with Pepper. 29TH

Ship Francis Robert Saltmarch Master arrived in this Road from Vizagapatam, being bound for Atcheen, but lost her Passage.

The following order was signed by the Governour and Council Viz[t]:

I am advised that Dowed Cawn is gone or going from Arcott to the Southward, and it may bee may goe very near, or call at Fort S[t]: Davids, where I beleive the Comp[a]: has lying ready near Four Hundred Bales of Goods, I think it adviseable to order them hither by the first safe conveyance, reserving as many as will Load the Companys sloope Expedition, your advise herein is desired.

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

Briggantine Deborah Edward Pemmell Master arrived in this Road from Anjengo loaden with Pepper. 30TH:

The following order was signed by the Govern[r]: & Council Viz[t]: MAY 1ST:

Ship President and Sloop Expedition arriving in this road this morning from Fort S[t]: David, Loaden with Bales on the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Companys Account. Ordered that the Warehousekeeper do unload the same immediately.

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson.
John Meverell.

Ship President Capt[t]: Thomas Greennaagh Comand[r]: arrived in this Road from Fort S[t]: David, by whom we received a Generall Letter from the Deputy Gov[r]: and Council there dated 29[th]: past month. 1ST:

Sloop Expedition belonging to the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Comp[a]: arrived in this Road from Fort S[t]: David loaden with Bales.

Ship Ruparle Cap[t]: John Tyler Comãnder arrived in this road from Bombay, by whom we received a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council there dated 13[th]: of March, as also a Generall Letter from the Generall and Council at Suratt dated 20[th]: of February, with Copy of the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Companys Generall to them dated 14[th]: May 1702 by overland conveyance. The Surat General advising that the suburbs of that Citty had been Plunderd & burnt by the Savajee; the Loss computed to be above Ten Lack of Rupees. 3D.

Ship Howland Cap[t]: Thomas Hayes Comand[r]: bound from England to Bombay, but meeting with very bad weather, and a tedious passage from the Cape, having sprung some of his Masts and Yards, arrived here this day. 5.

Ship Humphrey and Charles Cap[t]: Cornelius Com[r]: arrived in this Road this evening from Bengall having mett with a tedious passage from thence.

M[r]: Thomas Matthews Jun[r]: Merch[t]: in the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Comp[s]: Service departed this Life. 6.

——FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1702-03——

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 6.

THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON. JOHN MEVERELL.

Sea Custom Accot: for moth: of January & February Read, and

Mr: Matthew Empson Sea Customer reads his Sea Custom Accounts for the months of January, and February last, Vizt

JANUARY

To Custom on Goods import'd and exported this month	P. 571 : 19 : 20
To Custom on Graine	„ 327 : 5 : 60
To Anchorage	„ 8 : 18 : 0
	P. 907 : 7 : 0

FEBRUARY

To Custom on Goods imported & exportd.	P. 885 : 32 : 20
To Custom on Grain	152 : 11 : 0
To Anchorage	29 : 0 : 0
To Tunnage	13 : 32 : 0
	Pa 1,081 : 3 : 20

Pa. 3,000 pd: into Cash on that Account.

and payes into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Three thousand Pagodas on Account Sea Customs.

Accot: Remaines ordered to be brought in.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper, Storekeepr: &ca: do bring in an Account Remaines ending the ultimo April 1703, and deliver the same to the Accomptant.

Pa. 1,400 orderd the Paymr:

Agreed that Fourteen Hundred Pagodas be paid Mr: John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Gunner Entertaind.

Ordered that Robert Beasly be Entertained one of the Gunroome of this Garrison.

Letters from Severall Places read.

Generall Letter from the Generall, and Council at Suratt, with a Copy of the Companys Generall to them by an overland conveyhance dated 14th May and from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David two Generalls Vizt: One dated the 29th: April, and the other the 2d: May all now read.

Dammaged Blew Cloth ordered to be sold.

Mr: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper reports that in opening the Bales of Blew Cloth received from Fort St: David in order to air them found two peices much dammaged, which is order'd to be sold at Outcry.

A smith Entertaind

Ordered that John Ferrore be Entertaind as Smith att Four Pags: ℔ mensem to worke in the Smiths Yard.

Paper relating to the peddenaigues duty ordered to be put up on the Gates.

A Paper relating to the Peddenaigue duty was read this day in Consultation and approved of, which is ordered to be put up at the Gates in English, Portuguez & Armenians, and that itt be Enterd after this Consultation.

Agreed Ship howlands Packet be sent for ashore and open'd.

Ship Howland Capt: Hayes Comandr: arriving here yesterday, who was bound for Bombay, put in here by bad weather, and meeting with a tedious passage from the Cape, of whom we had enquired after Lres who told us he had none for us, and that what Pacquet he had was in a small box directed to the Generall & Council at Bombay, so considering the Warr, and the Union between the Two Companys an Account of both which, may be of great importance to the Comps: Affaires in these parts; 'Twas resolved that an order be given to the Comandr: to send for the Pacquet ashore, which was brought this evening, and open'd where we found a Packet for this Place, qt: a Letter from the Rt: Honble: Company dated 4th: August, and another from the Twentyfour Mannagers dated 29th: July, wth:

Printed papers relating thereunto, and a Packet for Bengall which is ordered to be sent by the first opportunity. And the Packett made up again, in order to deliver the Commander on his departure hence.

THO : PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.
THOM^s : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Whereas of late we have had frequent complaints from the Peddenaigue of this Town, acquainting us that by meanes of English, Portuguez, Armenians and other Europeans fathering the Goods of Moores Gentues &c^a who are lyable to the Payment of the Peddenaigues Duty (which we are apt to believe is too true) and that his Revenue is so much deminisht that he is wholy unable any longer to execute that office, for that he do's not receive wherewithall to pay such a Number of Talliars as is necessary to bee kept for the safety of the Place, so that to prevent the ill consequences that may attend the not well watching and Guarding of the Town the Govern^r : and Council have thought fitt to Publish this order. That if any English, Portuguez, Armenian or any Europeans from this day forward shall presume to own the Goods of any one that is lyable to the Payment of the Peddenaigues Duty, so as to defraw'd him thereof, upon due proofe of the same, the Goods shall not be onely forfitted, but He or they allso shall be fined at the pleasure of the Governour and Council. Dated in Fort S^t: George this 10^th : day of May 1703. — The Paper sett up at the Sea Gate &ca: relating to ye: Peddenaigue.

Ship Sweepsteeks Edward Love Master sailed out of this Road for Bengall by whom sent a Gen^ll : Letter to the President and Council of Fort William dated this day, as allso inclosed the Packet from the R^t : Hon^ble : Company to them received ℔ Ship Howland. 7^th.

Ship Restoration Cap^t : Perring Comand^r : arrived in this road from the Coast of Malabar.

Ship Conjeverom arrived in this Road from Fort S^t : David, by whom received a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council there dated the 6^th: Instant; also a Pacquet from the Deputy Governour and Council of York Fort dated 30^th : January and 15^th : February, advising of the dispatch of ship Hampshire thence for England on the p^mo : February full Loaden. 9.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY 10^TH:

THOMAS PITT ESQ^r : PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR.
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Gruapau &c^a Arrac Farmers payes into the R^t : Hon^ble : Companys Cash Five Hundred Pagodas on that Account. — Pa. 500 pd : into Cash by the Arrac Farmers.

Generall Letters from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S^t : David dated the 6^th Instant, from the Cheif and Council of Metchlepatam dat^d : 19^th : of past month, from the Deputy Governour and Council of York Fort dated 30^th : — Severall Letters read

January, and 15th. February last, were all now read, the latter advising of the following Bills of Exchange drawn on this Presidency Vizt:

York Fort Bills order'd to be paid.

To Messrs: Meverel and Hunt	Rylls:	200:
To Mr: Thoms: Wright &ca: owners of Ship Bencoolen ...	„	3,344 : 3 : 1
To Mr: George Lewis	„	163 :
To Mr: Mathew Empson	„	253 : 1 :
To Messrs: Meverell and Hunt	„	528 : 1 :
To Mr: Peter Wallis	„	1,300 : 0 : 0
To Capt: Christopher Dixon	„	725 : 1 : 1
To Mr: Thomas Morris	„	777 : 0 : 0
To Mr: Charles Bugden	„	1,450 : 0 : 0
	Rylls:	8,741 : 3 : 1

Amounting to Pags. 5142 : 10 : 4 which is agreed to be paid.

Accot. of the Comp. Cash for the moth: of April read. — Thomas Pitt Esqr: President reads his Account of the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash for the month of April last Ballance Pags: 6412 : 29.

Gunner discharged. — Ordered that Peter Middleton be discharged from farther service in the Gunroome of this Garrison.

Mr. Etterick ordered to the Sea Gate in Mr. Matthews Employ. — Mr: Thomas Matthews a Companys Servant dying lately, who had an employ at the Sea Gate it is ordered that Mr: Anto: Etterick supplyes his Place.

The gold being the Produce of Pepper sold at Atcheen agreed to be coin'd. — The Gold sent from Atcheen for what Pepper Mr. John Davis sold there out of sloop Expedition, belonging to the Rt: Honble: Company weighing poize oz. 28 agreed the same be put into the Mint to be coined.

Bales on board ship Conjeverom order'd to be unloaden. — Ordered that the Warehousekeeper do immediately unload what Bales of Callicoes ship Conjeverom has brought from Fort St: David on the Rt: Honble: Companys Account.

Tho: Pitt
Francis Ellis.
Tho: Wright.
M: Empson.
Thoms: Marshall.
John Meverell.

11th. Received a Generall Letter from the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam dated 28th April last, advising that the Charles and Betty Sloop was not arrived there.

12. Ship St: Pedro St: Paul Capt: Manuel Rodregue Comandr: sailed for Macow.

13. Dispatchd ₽ Pattamar a Generall Letter to the Deputy Governour and Council at Fort St: David dated 11th Instant inclosing Copyes of some Paragraph of the Rt: Honble: Companys Generall to us dated 4th : August last, as allso of the Twenty-four Mannagers Letter to us dated 31st: July both recd: ₽ ship Howland.

At a Consultation

Present

Thursday 13th:

Thomas Pitt Esqr: President and Governr:
Francis Ellis. Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson. Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

Mr. Marshall reads an Acoot: sales of Mr. Peachies house & — Mr: Thomas Marshall late Paymaster reads his Account Sale of Sundrys, that belong'd to the house commonly called Mr: Peachies, but properly belonging

to the Heirs of Agent Greenhill, and payes into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash Two Hundred twentytwo Pagodas, and sixteen fan^{s} as the Ball^{ce}: of that Account, and allso reads his Accounts disbursements of the Black Town Wall from Jan^{ry}: 1701 to March 1703, and farther payes into Cash twentyfive Pag^{s}: 18. 50 as the Ballance of that Account.

Payes Pa 222. 16. into Cash on that Account. also Accot: disbursements of the Black Town Wall, payes the Ballce: Pa. 25-18-50.

M^{r}: Thomas Marshall late Paymaster reads his Paymasters Account for the Month of March last Viz^{t}:

Paymasters Accot: for the moth: of March read, and

Charges Garrison	Pa. 1247:	24
Charges Cattle	40:	20
Silk Wormes	11:	15
Charges Dyett	365:	4
Charges Generall	394:	23
Account Presents	...	26
Vizagapatam	6:	12
Metchlepatam	6:	12
Fort S^{t}: David	44:	4
Bengall Presidency	2:	24
Charges Extraordinary	15:	10
Fortification and Repairs	168:	25
	Pa. 2303:	19

and payes into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash the sume of Eight Hundred eighty one Pagodas one fanam, as the Ballance of his Paymasters Account of which there is Two Hundred and fifty Pag^{s}: in Bills Lent by order of the Governour and approved of afterwards by the Council (in the time of the hurry when Dowed Cawn was here) to Seraupau and the Peddenaigue for the present payment of Peons for intelligence, and defence of the out skirts of the Town Viz^{t}:

payes into Cash Pa. 881: : as the Ballance of the Accot: of wch: is Pa. 250 in Bills deliv'd as part of payment.

	Pa.
To Seraupau	50
To y^{e} Peddenaigue ...	200
Pa. ...	250

which Bills are lodged in the Governours Hands for the speedy recovery thereof.

Generall Letter from the Cheif and Council of Metchlepatam dated the 28th past month now read, as also a Generall Letter to the Deputy Govern^{r}: and Council of Fort S^{t}: David, to the Cheif and Council of Metchlepatam, to the Cheif and Council of Vizagapatam all dated this day now read, and approvd as allso a Letter to John Pitt Esq^{r}: President for the New Company at Metchlepatam with which is sent a Copy of the Letter received from the Hon^{ble}: the twentyfour Mannagers for the United Trade, in complyance to their orders therein, which Lett^{r}: to M^{r}: Pitt &c^{a} is Entered after this Consultation.

Severall Letters to & from Places read, with: A Letter to M^{r}: Pitt at Metchlepatam:

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid M^{r}: John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Pa. 1,000 ordered the Paym^{r}:

THO: PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THOM: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM^{s}: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1702-03* ——

To John Pitt Esq[r]: President for Affaires of the New East India Company &c[a]: Council at Metchlepatam.

S[rs]:

The ship Howland in our Masters Service bound from England to Bombay, put in here the 5[th]: Instant, meeting with very bad weather and a tedious Passage from the Cape, and not in the least doubting but that there must be Letters of importance for this Place, in regard to the Warr, and the Union, we open'd the Box, wherein as expected we found a Pacq[t]. in which was a Letter from the Twentyfour Mannagers for the United Trade, Copy of which comes inclosed and our Company writes us that your President and Council is ordered to repair hither to assist in taking an Inventory of the Dead stock in our settlements, after which on their returne we are to send some Persons to take an Inventory of yours at Metchlepatam, and Maddapollam, We are,

S[rs]:

Fort S[t]: George the 13[th]: May 1703.

Your Hum[ble]: Servt[s]:
Thomas Pitt, Gov[r]:
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

Entered by mistake.

Dispatch'd ℘ Pattamars a Generall Letter to the Deputy Governour and Council at Fort S[t]: David dated 11[th]: Instant inclosing copyes of some Paragraphs of the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Comp[s]. Generall to us dat[d]: 4[th]: August last, as also of the Twentyfour Mannagers Letter dated 31[st]: July both rec[d]: ℘ ship Howland.

At a Consultation

Present

Friday 14th.

Thomas Pitt Esq[r]: President & Govern[r]:
Francis Ellis. Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson. John Meverell.

Designed to have sent copper to Bengall if the Chambers had arrived. The Merchant to whom sold the Loyall Cooke Copper unable to sell it and to avoid making a bad debt. Agreed Can: 250 be rec[d]: back and sent to Bengall, and why

The last Year on the arrivall of the Loyall Cooke from China we sold to Vinkette Chittee Merchant of this Place Candy [*lacuna*] of coppar when we expected long before this the arrivall of the Chambers Frigot with a considerable quantity of the same commodity, which if not vendible here we intended to have sent good part thereof to Bengall, but to our great surprize the Merchant that bought the Loyall Cookes, we find he's not able to dispose of what we sold him, good part of which still remaines in the Companys Godown, which he has frequently importuned us to receive back which we have agreed too, to avoid the hazard of a bad debt, and it is ordered that the Warehousekeeper receive from him Two hundred and fifty Candy, at the same price we sold it, which we design to send to Bengall by the first opportunity, knowing that they are necessitated for money, and pay great Interest for the same, thô they never advised us how that 1,000 Chests sold, wee sent them on the Phœnix.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1702–03*——

The Expedition Sloop havings been lately fitted at Fort S[t] : David, and came hither with the Comp[s]: Bales, 'Tis resolved that she takes in as many Chests of Coppar as she can conveniently and proceed to Bengall and load on the Greyhound what she can take in.

Expedition sloop agreed to be sent to Bengall with w[t] : copper she can carry.

There being a private ship bound from this Port to Tonqueen the Owners of which have requested of us Two hundred bags of Salt Petre, which for the incouragement of Trade, being the onely meanes to increase our Customs, 'Tis agreed they be supply'd therewith at the prime Cost in Bengall, which att this time is extravagently dear. And accordingly the Warehousekeeper is ordered to deliver the same.

Salt Petre 200 bags agreed to be spared the Tonqueen ship

Seraupau &c[a] Joint Stock Merchants importuneing us for five thousand Pagodas to clear away all the Goods in the Country on the last contract ; 'Tis Agreed the said sum̃e be paid.

Agreed Pa 5000 be p[d] : the Joint Stock Merch[ts] :

The President delivers in a particular Acco[t] : of the wrought Plate agreed to be bought for the Companys Account as ℔ Consultation of the 8[th] of last month, as allso an Account of the old batter'd Plate, which was useless, and melted down which being deducted there remaines due to the President Fifteen Hundred thirtytwo Pagodas 19 fanams and 55 Cash, which is agreed to be paid him out of Cash, both which Acco[ts] : are ordered to be Enterd after this Consultation.

Presid[t] delivers in an Accot : of his Plate and, Pa. 1532 : 19 : 55 : agreed to be p[d] for the same.

We had Seraupau &c[a] Joint stock Merchants before us who are indebted to the Company, whom we acquainted that the Two Companys were united and that our Companys possitive orders were, y[t] we should forewith recover all their debts, to which they answered they had made a considerable progress in settling the Accounts amongst themselves and that in few dayes more they would compleat the same, in order to the Payment of the Companys Debt.

The old Joint Stock Merch[ts] : were before the Gov[r] : & Council & their debt again demainded.

THO : PITT.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.
JOHN MEVERELL.

FORT S[T]: GEORGE, APRIL 1703.

THE R: HON[ble] : EAST INDIA COMPANY D[R] : TO SILVER PLATE

Pag[s] : 1532-19-55 and is for the following Perticulars sold them viz[t] :—

				oz. dwt: gr:	Fashion £	s	d
42	Plates new standard p[z] :	530	15		13	5	4
24	Ditto old standard ...			418	10	9	0
6	Salts small	9	7		0	15	0
1	Ditto large	19	10		1	0	0
2	Castors & Must[d] : spoone...	28	15		2	8	7
3	Porringers ...	22	8		0	10	0
16	Spoones	24	10		0	16	0
6	Forks and 6 knivas ...	12	1		1	10	0
1	Ladle large ...	7	17		0	7	0
12	Dishes	598	10		14	19	0
1	Tea Pott	22	5		1	2	0
1	Sauce Pan	39	10		1	9	7
2	Salvers large	52	13		1	1	0
2	Ditto small	19	18		0	15	0
1	Monteth	60	15		3	11	2
4	Large Candlesticks	139	0		7	0	0
7	Covers old standard ...			175 : 15	4	7	10
		1,587	14	593 : 15	65	6	6
	Bett[r] : 8[dwt] : ...	59	8	1647 : 2			
				2240 : 17			

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At 16 Dollrs: wt: per Pa: 10		P. 1589 : 34 : 40
£ s d s. Fashion 65 6 6 at 9 ℘ Pags:	...	145 : 6 : 0
		1735 : 4 : 40

	oz. dwt.	dwt.	
By old broaken Plate pz:	288 2	Worte 2	
is standard 285·11 at 16 Dolls: ℘ Pa.	10		202 : 20 : 65
	Remains due	...	P. 1532 : 19 : 55

Errors Excepted.

℘ THOMAS PITT

THE COMPANYS OLD PLATE MELTED VIZT

			oz. cw. Q.
1 Dish	Pz		26 : 17 : ½
6 [Plates]			65 : 11 : ½
1 Large spoone			4 : 1 : ...
Kittisall plate	Pz 32 : 15 : .		
part whereof was Copper wch: wth: ye Sowder & lack weighs	2 : 18 : .		
			29 : 17.
			123 : 7
West Coast Plate			164 : 14
			291 : 1
wasted in melting the whole			2 : 19
			288 : 2
dwt: Worte 2 is alloy			2 : 11
		Standard	285 : 11

15TH Briggantine [*lacuna*] sailed out of this road for Bengall, by whom sent a Packet to the President and Council of Fort William dated this day.

Ship Dansburge Capt: Mare Comandr. arrived in this road from Pollicat.

16 Dispatch'd ℘ Pattamar a Generall Letter to the Cheif and Council of Metchlepatam datd 30th April and 13th Instant, and to the Cheif and Council of Vizagapatam dated 13th Instant, inclosing to each Place Copys of some Paragraphs of the Rt Honble Companys, and the twentyfour mannagers Letters to us received by ship Howland, as allso a Packet to Mr John Pitt &ca Metchlepatam dated 13th Instant with Copy of the Letter received from the Twentyfour mannagers of the United Trade to the East Indies.

18 Sloop Greyhound Samuel Butcher Master saild for Bengall, by whom sent a short Letter to the President and Council there dated this day, inclosing Invoice and Bill of Loading for 200 Chests of Japan Coppar.

20 Received ℘ Pattamars a Packet from the Presidt. and Council of Bengall dated 3d April, advising yt the Kings Hoosbulhookum for liberty of Trade to all Europeans was arrived there, as also two Genlls: from the Cheif and Council of Vizagapatam dated the 28th April and primo May, with a short Letter from the Cheif and Council of Metchlepatam dated the 9th: May. The Pattamars who brought these Packets acquaints the Governour that on their way from Metchlepatam hither, they met the new Comps People who told them that Mr John Pitt the new Comps Presidt. at Metchlepatm: dyet at Durumpaut.

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Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R} : PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

THURSDAY 20TH

M^{r} Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper payes into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash the sum̃e of Six Thousand Eight Hundred Pagodas on Account Silver sold out of the Warehouse.

Pa. 6800 p^{d} in by the Warehouse-keep^{r}. acco^{t}: Silver sold.

Ordered that William James and Petre Lilley be discharged from farther service in the Gunroome of this Garrison, as also Laurence Farnande and John Colldero Topaze souldiers be discharged.

Two Gunners & 2 Souldiers discharged.

Ordered that the Paymaster payes John Burton Corporall what pay due to him since he came from the West Coast, he being paid there to the ultimo January last.

Wages due to Jno. Burton orderd to be paid.

A farther addision to the Generall Letters to y^{e} R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company, to the Generall and Council at Surat, to the Commodore and Council of Anjengo and a Letter to the Hon^{ble}: the Mannagers of the United Trade to the East Indies all dated the 18th: Ins^{t}: now read and approved, as also two Generalls from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam dat^{d}: 28th: April and primo Instant, from the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam dated 9th: Instant, and from the President and Council of Fort William in Bengall dat^{d}: 3^{d}: April last, all now read.

Letters to the R^{t}: H. Comp^{a}: and 24 Mannagers and to other places read, and severall Letters rec^{d}: read.

The Merchants acquainted us that they had by them upwards of Three Thousand Peices of Long cloth white, and whereas they had not been measured as the Companys is when Brown, they propose that when they are sorted to take out some peices of each Number to measure them and to make them hold out in lengths and breadths, with those of the same Numbers already Pack't which were measured when they were Brown, or to abate proportionably.

Peices 3,000 of white Long Cloth agreed to be taken in.

We intending to send the Companys sloop Expedition to Bengall with Coppar, it is agreed that M^{r}: Letton be Entertained Master of her at Fourteen Pagodas ℘ mensem.

M^{r}: Letton Entertained Master of sloop Expedition.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM^{s}: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

M^{r}: John Fuxon sett out this day for Metchlepatam overland, by whom we sent a Generall Lett^{r}: to the Cheif and Council there dated yesterday, inclosing a Generall Letter to the Cheif and Council for the New Company^{s} Affaires there of the same date, under a flying seal. 22D.

Ship London Capt^{t}: George Matthews Comand^{r}: arrived in this road from Gombroone in Persia, by whom we received a Generall Letter from the Chief and Council there dated 10th: April last.

The Governour this day received a Letter from M^{r}: Trewen at Metchlepatam, which confirms the report we lately received of M^{r}: John Pitts death who dyed on the 8th: Instant at Durumpaut, being seiz'd with a fitt of an Apoplex.

Briggantine Sail Fish arrived in this road from Negapatam.

Sumatra Sloop arrived this evening in this road from Fort S^{t}: David. 23.

Received ℘ Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S^{t}: David dated 21st: Instant, advising that Dow'd Cawn was coming to Porto Novo, from whence they are advised he designs for their Place. 24.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY 24TH :

THOMAS PITT ESQR : PRESIDENT & GOVR :
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Pags : 3,700 Pd into Cash by the Warehouse-keepr : for silver sold.

Mr : Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper payes into the Rt : Honble ; Companys Cash the sum̃e of Three Thousand Seaven Hundred Pagodas on Account Silver sold.

Pa. 400 pd into Cash for stores sold.

Mr : Joseph Hiller Provissionall Storekeepr : payes into the Rt : Honble : Comps : Cash Four Hundred Pags : on Account stores sold.

Letters received read.

Generall Letter from the Chief and Council of Gombroone dated 10th April last, and from the Depty : Governour, and Council of Fort St : David dated 21st : Instant both now read.

Rice 20 Garse ordered to be bought.

There offering a parcell of Rice to be sold, about twenty Garse, at twenty one Pagodas ℔ Garse, ordered that the Warehousekeeper do buy the same for a store for the Garrison.

Paper recd : from Fort St : David considered of. Jealouse of troubles from Dow'd Cawn.

Capt : Hayes order'd to lay his Charter-party before the Governr : and Council.

The Governour summoned this Council chiefly to consider of a paper received this morning from Fort St : David which advises that Dowed Cawn on his returne from Tanjore, intends to give some trouble to that place, which paper is Entered after this Consultation, to prepaire against which we have sent to Capt : Hayes Commander of the Howland to lay before us his Charterparty to see whether he is as yet enterd upon demorage, and if he be, we intend forewth : to send him to Fort St : David (with what other assistance we can give them) the reason not permitting as yet for the aforesaid ship to go to Surat.

THO : PITT.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.
THOMs : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 27TH :

THOMAS PITT ESQR : PRESIDT : & GOVERNR :
FRANCIS ELLIS THO : MARSHALL
THO : WRIGHT JOHN MEVERELL.

Storekeepers Accot : for the moth : of April read.

Mr : Joseph Hiller Provissionall Storekeeper reads his Storekeepers Account for the months of March and April last.

Warehouse-keeprs : Accot : for the moth : of March read and Pags : 8552, 20 pd into Cash Ballce : of silver sold.

Mr : Thomas Wright warehousekeeper read his Warehouse Account for the month of March last and payes into the Rt : Honble : Companys cash the sum̃e of Eight thousand five hundred fifty two Pagodas and twenty fans : as the Ballce : of Silver sold out of the Warehouse.

Mr : John Meverell Paymaster reads his Paymasters Accounts for the month of April last Vizt :

Charges Garrison	Pa. 1,265 : 29
Charges Cattle	30 : 34
Silk Wormes	10 : 19
Vizagapatam	1 : 16

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Charges Dyett	487 : 32
Charges Generall	361 : 28
Bengall	9 : —
Charges Extraordinary	1 . 24
Fortification and repairs	98 : 34
Pag^s :	2,268 ..

And agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid him for defraying Charges of Garrison. Pag^s : 1000 orderd him.

M^r : Thomas Marshall Judge Advocate payes into the R^t : Hon^ble : Companys Cash One Hundred twenty eight Pagodas and twenty one fanams belonging to Nino Chittee, being what ordered him by the Court for his Proportion of redwood in partnership with Tagga the shroff, the said Nino refusing to receive it, the same remain'd in Court, which is now paid into the R^t : Hon^ble : Companys Cash. He farther payes Twenty three Pagodas as the Ball^ce : of M^r : John Penford Deceased Estate. Pa : 128 : 21 : Paid into Cash by M^r : Marshall being moneys deposited in Court. Pa : 23 : p^d into Cash belonging to M^r : Penford deceased.

Ordered that David Morley at his request bee discharged from farther service in the Gunroome of this Garrison. Gunner discharged.

M^r : Atkins Surgeon, who was sent by the Chief and Council at Gombroone on the ship London for this Place for severall misdemenours, was this day before us, when what in their Letter relating to him was read, which he disowned, and profest his innocency therein, so 'twas ordered that he should returne to the main Guard, and there remaine till we had farther considered of this matter, unless he would give Bail for his good behaviour. M^r : Atkins was acquainted with crimes laid to his charge by the Chief &c^a att Gombroone. ordered to y^e Guard, there to remain till farther examined.

THO : PITT.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.
THOM^s : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

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The following order was signed by the Gov^r : & Council :

Brigantine Endeavour Cap^t : Samuel Hart Comand^r : being bound to Bengall, I beleive it a good conveigance to send the remaining part of the Comp^s : Copper ordered thither, being sixty Candy, and that the Warehousekeep^r : do immediately load the same.

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Dispatch'd ℘ Pattamars Via Anjengo the following Packetts Viz^t :

To the Commodore and Council of Anjengo dated 30^th : April and 18^th : Instant.

To the Generall and Council at Surat dated 30^th : April 18^th : and 25^th : Instant.

To the R^t : Hon^ble : Company dat^d : 14^th : April 18^th : & 25^th : Ins^t.

To the Mannagers of the United Trade to y^e East Indies.

Ship Dansburge Cap^t : Mare Comand^r : saild for Trincomb^r.

The following order was signed by the Governour and Council Viz^t :

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"Here is a great deal of turned out Cloth in the Godown and at this time there wants some for the Tonqueen Ship, if you consent to itt, the owners will pay for it in ready money. or deliver into the Companys Godown the same sorts of Cloth, to be sorted by the Companys Musters.

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

29. The following order was signed by the Govr: & Council:

Herewith comes the security Bond of Doctr Davis which I think sufficient. I desire your opinions therein.

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL

31ST Ship Francis Robert Saltmarch Master sailed out of this Road for Atcheen.

Received ℘ Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St David dated the 28th Instant.

About 3 this afternoone a ship belonging to this Port called the Pembrooke Frigot George Weoley Master arrived here, sailed hence in November 1701 for Deleagoa on the Coast of Milinda and brougt us the following newes, That in November last she came from Deleagoa intending for Surat, but meeting with a tedious passage in so much that they were reduced to great extremity for want of Provissions, so that they resolved to goe away for Johanha, but by mistake fell in with Mayotta the 10th of March, where they mett with Two Pyratts who stript them of all ships stores, and tooke out the Comander Capt. Weoley for a Pylote for them throw the streights of Malacca, but meddled not with the Elephants Teeth, of which she had about one Hundred Candy on board her a full relation of which from Mr Edward Fenwick the supra Cargoe and Gatt the Master who brought her hither is Enter'd as Followes Vizt.

A Relation of the taking of the ship Pembrooke Frigot by the Pyrates at Mayotta, March 10th 1703.

On the 9th of March last we made the Island of Mayotta, and as we were standing in with the Land about 3 Leagues distance we discovered Two Ships under sail close under the Land. They had sent their Boats off before we see them to make what we were, they were full of men, and kept rowing about halfe a mile to Windward of us, after we showed our Colours and fired a Gun to Leeward, they each of them put out a Flagg (which we at first tooke to be the Kings Jack, not plainly distinguishing it) but they would not come near us to acquaint us which was the road or the way in which we were obliged to endeavour the finding ourselves, being in extremity : and with this consideration concerning the ships, that if they should prove Pyrates our Loading would be of no use to them, so consequently we might expect good treatment from them, as has formerly be'n showed to others : we steerd Wt. and W by S. till we came into 5 fathom water, about a League from the shoar, and then Anchor'd, which we had no sooner done and veer'd away a little Cable, but the most frightfull and greatest of dangers presented themselves to us, both of the ship and our lives, breakers on all sides within half a ships length which because it was dark and just high water we did not perceive till we were so near them ; whilst we were in this Consturnation and hurry what to doe, the two Boats haild us, lying at a Grapling right ahead within call, but would by no means come on board to our assistance, except we first sent our boat to them ; then we immediately

sent our Saul with four Hands, two of which they tooke into their boate and put two of their own People in our Boat, when they came on board they thought we had been fast ashore and said they were sorry to find us in so bad a condition the Loss of our Ship being unavoidable as they thought we lying on a reif of rocks which run out 2 leagues on each side of us, and would be dry in halfe an hours time, and all round us nothing but breakers, they advised us to let the ship lye till morning dry, and they would all come off then, and see what possibly might be done to save her: so little hopes had we frõ them of getting off again, and indeed we soon perceived they told us nothing but the truth, for by this time the tyde had ebb'd very much, and at every hollow of a sea she began to strike, therefore Capt: Weoley considering that delaying longer was but running ourselves into greater dangers, and that there was no other remeddy but to cutt and stand the same way out as we came in; so desired the Two men to goe and send our People on board which were in their boats, which they presently did; then all hands turned too, and immediatly hov'd a peek and cut away, having a spring upon the Cable to cast her; by these endeavours it pleased God every thing answered our expectation, and before we cod: cast the Lead six times were past all danger, standing off Et and E. by N. with the wind at N. N. W. receiving no other damage then the loss of our best bower, and about 10 fathom of Cable. Now after our ship was out of danger, we began to consider of the answers made by the two men that came on board to a few questions we askt them, they said their great ship was a Permission Ship bound for Muscat loaden with Guns, Anchors, Cables &ca Capt: Hillyard Commander the little Ship the said belonged to the Scoth Company one Capt: Drumõnd Comander and was bound for Madagascar to Trade for slaves with small Armes, Powder &ca that they had layn there near three months before to repair and clean their ships, that just as they made us coming in they were standing out to proceed on their voyage. We acquainted them the great necessity we were in for Provissions, and water, and that severall of our men were down, to which they answered they did not doubt but their Capt: would assist us with every thing and send their boat betimes to us in the morning. We did not much give Credit to what they said, yet there was no way to get clear of them but by fair words, and intreaties, so kept standing off and on all night and at 12 a'clock next day being the 10th: we came to an Anchor about a mile from the shore being low water, att which time we see their two boats lying dry upon the sand, about an hour after when the water floated them they rowed towards us, and being come within Pistoll shott under our stern, they haild us, asking if they might be suffered to come on board, that they were Freinds, and had brought us fresh Provissions, Capt: Weoley answered one of them might come, yet they both kept rowing on, and when they were under our quarters one on each side, they all started up with their Armes Guarded, swearing if any of us fired a peice they would give us no quarter, and if we did not fire they would do us no harm, nor take any thing from us but Capt: Weoley orderd every one to fire, which we all did, and they at us, Capt: Weoley jumping down the after skuttle at the same time and bidding every one to their close quarters some into the Cabbin and some between decks, but we not able to keep either of them long, they fireing six shott to our one. Then perceiving it was impossible for us to do more, they having two ships very near us, we called for quarter, which they gave us, disarming us and turning us into the head, then they began to rummage and rifle the ship every where till their heat was over. In this skuffle we had two men kild Mr. Gold our Chief mate and Cornelius Browne a Foremast man. Of their men they had two wounded, one of them mortally the other shott through both his arms. The rest of the day they spent searching about the ship and swearing to revenge themselves of Capt: Weoley, for first bidding them come on board, and then fireing upon them as they came along our side, likewise to burne our ship. The next day they carryed Capt: Weoley on board one of their ships, and kept him Prisoner there about 40 of them staying on board us till Fryday the 12th: when

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all the three ships being together, they put it to the Vote whether to burne her, or give us her again ; if this had been done the next day after they tooke her she had certainly been burnt, but puting it off three or 4 dayes gave us time to make many Freinds to give their vote in our favour, that we carryed it by 17 Votes more to save her then burn her, and after taking severall things out of her (mentioned in the List) they delivered the ship to us again that night about 7 a'clock they making the best of their way for Madagascar, and we for Johanna, giving us six old small Armes in lieu of what they tooke out of us. but they would by no meanes clear Capt. Weoley, forceing them [him] to goe along with them to serve as a Pylott for the streights of Malacca, swaring to shoot him if he refused it, they likewise detained by force Francisco de Cruz our Carpenter, yet one of our men Martin Hogendick a Dutch man Entered himself and went Voluntarily along with them.

These two Pyrates are very strong full of men, and one sailes excellently well, the biggest carryes 40 Guns and near 200 men, she is called the Prosperous, and was (as they told us first) a Permission Ship upon a Trading Voyage, but surprized and taken about six months before at Madagascar, the then Comandr. name was Hilliard dying soon after of the wound he received then, but the now Pirate Captain of her is called Howard. The little ship is called the Speedy Returne, and was formerly commanded by one Capt. Drummond, but now by one Bowen, she carryes 12 Guns, and 70 men, about 100 Tons. She with another about the same burthen were sent out by the Scoth Company.

JUNE Pmo. This day upon the Newes that came yesterday in the afternoone by the Pembrooke Frigot, and consulted about the ships that were in this Road bound throw the streights of Malacca Vizt the Sedgwick to Canton, the President to Tonqueen, the Conjeverom to Manilha, and a large Briggantine to Syam the Canton ship had all things on board, except her supra Cargoes and was to have sailed within two Hours if this ship had not come in, and that to Tonqueen and Manilha had sailed in few dayes, but the Proprieters considering what great risgoes they run, unanimously resolved to desist from proceeding, which tends to the great detriment of the Port, and lessening of the Customs, besides 'tis to be feared that if these Pirates take any of the Country ships 'twill bring us into new troubles with the Government out of which we have but few months past extricated ourselves.

Ship Goodhope came into this Road from St: Thoma.

2ND Ship St: Cauatain came from the same Place.

4TH Ship Restoration Capt: Perrin Comander sailed out of this road for Bengall.

The following order was signed by the Govr: and Council.

The Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St: David advise us in their Generall Letter dated the 28th May last of their drawing three Bills of Exche: on us for Ten Thousand Pagodas, which letter accompanyes this, And the Bills being now presented I am of opinion they ought to be paid to prevent any delayes in the Companys Investment.

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT. EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

6. Briggantine Diligence William Rogers Master arrived from Covelong.

8. Received ℘ Pattamar a Generall Lettr: from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St: David.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ[R] : PRESIDENT AND GOVERN[R] :
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

WEDNESDAY 9TH

Generall Letter to the President and Council of Fort William in Bengall dated 8[th] : Instant, and a Dispatch to the Master of Sloop Expedition both now read and approved. Letter to Bengall read.

Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S[t] : David dated the 5[th] : Ins[t] : now read. Genll : Lettr : recd : read.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid M[r] : John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison. Pags : 1000 ordered the Paymaster.

We being jealouse that Dowed Cawne in his returne from Tanjore will give some trouble to Fort S[t] : David, he himself having given out that purpose, and the Deputy Governour and Council having wrote us the great necessity they are under for men of which we have likewise but very few, but there being a ship called the President bound up thither. 'Tis Agreed that we send Twenty men upon her, and that the stewart lay in a fortnights Provission for them. Jealouse of Troubles at Ffort S[t] : David. 20 men orderd thither.

M[r] : Edward Fenwick Supra Cargoe of the Pembrooke Frigot delivers in an Affidavid signed by himself Andrew Gatt Master, John Powney Purser, Daniel Wiseman, and John Whatley against Benjamin Charles and Dirck Rowlinson, which they are already to make Oath that the aforesaid Benjamin Charles and Dirck Rowlinson during the time of their ship being in the Pyrats Custody that they associated, combind and conspired what lay in their Power with the Pyrates to the prejudice of their Employers as in the aforesaid paper more fully appears, upon which, the two men are ordered by the Governour into the Custody of the Marshall. Messrs : Fenwick &ca : delivers in an Affidavid against 3 men for Piracy. their crimes. 2 men ordered into the Marshalls Custody.

THO : PITT.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.
THOM[S] : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

AT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY 10TH

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ[R] : PRESIDENT AND GOVERN[R]:
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON. THOM[S] : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Ordered that the Storekeeper do load on board ship Humphrey and Charles Fifteen Candy of Powder for Vizagapatam, and that twelve Topaz Souldiers be sent thither on said Ship, as also that they take in six English Souldiers at Metchlepatam, the Chief and Council having wrott us that they are under some apprehensions of troubles from Nabob Rustumdill. Ca 15 of Gun Powder ordered for Vizagapm: and 12 Topaz Shouldrs ordered thither. Six Souldiers ordered from Metchlepm : to Vizagpm

M[r] : Adrion Plymour payes into the R[t] : Hon[ble] : Companys Cash, Fifty six Pagodas, being on Acco[t] : of a souldier Listed by the Company in England proved to be a female, which he cohabited with on board, and marryed here, so to disburse the Company for her Passage &c[a] : he payes the aforesaid sume. Pags : 56 pd into Cash by Mr : Plymour for his wives passage from Engd

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Mr: Atkins released from his confinement.

Mr: Atkins sent hither by the Cheif and Council of Gombroon a Prisoner on ship London, whose crimes they mention in the Generall Letter, surmising only that he is guilty thereof, and nothing upon oath against him we thought it reasonable to discharge him with admonitions suitable to his accusations.

Paymastr: order'd to cloth 4 Souldiers who are bound to Bombay.

There being four Souldiers on the Howland bound for Bombay, who by reason of their long passage have worne out all their Cloths in so much that they are in a manner naked. 'Tis ordered that ye: Paymaster cloths them, and that it be charged to Account Bombay.

20 Chests of Syrash wine ordered to be bought.

Ordered that the Steward buy Twenty Chests of Syrash Wine, for the President and Genll. Table.

Pa 511. 20 pd: into Cash by Mr Wright money belonging to Mr: North decd. Bill given on ye: Compa:

In our last Generall Letter from Surat the Generall and Council desired that what money Mr: Thoms: Wright had in his Hands belonging to Mr: Edward North decd: at Anjengo should be paid into the Companys Cash, which this day was done, being Five Hundred and eleven Pagodas and twenty fanams, for which Bills are to be given Mr: Wright as directed payable to Messrs: Edward and Hugh North in London, and to be sent by the first ship that goes hence.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

11 Yesterday we saw a ship to the Northward, to which we sent a Cattamaran to know from whence she came who returned ashore in the evening, and brought Letters to the Governour from the Supra Cargoes and Comr: of said ship advising it was ship Union from the West Coast, and this morning the Supra Cargoes came ashore, who brought us the following Letters Vizt: From the Rt: Honble: Company dated 14th February 1701 a Generall from the Deputy Governour and Council of York Fort dated 5th March and from the Chief and Council of Bantall dated 5th April last.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

FRIDAY 11TH

THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVR:
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON. THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Letter from the Rt: Honble: Compa: & severall other Lres read.

Generall Letter from the Rt: Honble: Company dated 14th: February 1701 Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of York Fort dated 5th: March 170$\frac{2}{3}$ with Copy of their's dated 25th: February 170$\frac{2}{3}$ and two Generalls from the Chief and Council of Bantall dated the 25th: February and 5th: April last were all now read.

The Supra Cargo's of the Union summoned before ye: Govr: & Council, and were acquaintd.

This day the supra Cargoes of ship Union were summoned before the Governour and Council when they were acquainted with what newes the Pembrooke Frigot brought us about the Pyrats, and the relation thereof from Mr: Fenwick was read to them, they were also acquainted that the news had occasioned the Merchants of this Place to unload severall ships who were intended to China and other parts throw the Streights of Malacca, so that we could not

think it adviseable for them to proceed to China unless they had a good Europe ship to attend them, and that they may have a full relation concerning the Pyrats we desired them to discourse Mr: Fenwick, after which to give us their answere.

wth: the new's of the Pyrats not thought adviseable by the Governr: & Council to prosecute the Voyage to China.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMs: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Dispatched ℔ Pattamars a Generall Letter to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St: David datd: this day. 12TH

Ship President Capt: Thomas Greenhaugh Comandr: sailed out of this Road for Fort St: David, on whom we sent a Serjeant and Twenty Souldiers to their assistance, they expecting troubles from Dowed Cawn who was arrived at Porto Novo.

Received ℔ Pattamars a Generall Letter from the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam dated [. . .] and 31st: May last. 13TH

Received ℔ Pattamars a Generall Letter from the New Companys Chief at Metchlepatam datd 3d: Inst: 14TH

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVR:
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

TUESDAY 15TH

Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort St: David dated 11th: Instant, from the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam dated the 29th: and 31 May, and from the New Companys Chief at Metchlepatam dated the 3d: Instant all now read.

Letters received read.

The Supra Cargoes and Commander of the Union this day delivered us a Paper about their proceeding to China as Entered after this Consultation upon wch: 'tis resolved that Messrs: Marshall and Fleetwood who were to goe Supra Cargoes of the Sedgwick, treat with Capt: Matthews Commander of the London for a Voyage to China, supposing that both ships together may be of sufficient force to defend themselves from the Pyrats, and be a meanes to prevent the Surat Ships falling into their Hands. And whereas the stock formerly intended upon the Sedgwick is not sufficient to bear the charge of so great a ship as the London. 'Tis agreed that what silver be found wanting to make up the stock shall be taken out of the Howlands, and the full Amount thereof to be put on board her in Venecians and Chuckeens, which would be a considerable advantage to the Company, Silver being 6. or 7 ℔ Cent dearer here then at Surat, and Gold much about the same Value as here.

The Supra Cargœs of the Union deliverd in a Paper. resolved the Supra Cargoes of the Sedgwick treat with the Comr: of the London for a voyage to China. 2 ships sufficient force against Pyrats. Sedgwick's stock not sufficient, be re-meddy'd.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMs: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

——FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1702-03——

To the Hon^{ble}: Pitt Esq^{r}:
President & Govern^{r}:
of Fort S^{t}: George, Affair's on
the Coast of Choromandell
Council &c^{a}:

Besides the written Narrative yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: were pleased to tender us for our perusall, and consideration which gave us too sad a view of the eminent danger attending the prosecutions of our Voyage to China. We have since mett with M^{r}: Fenwick and discoursing him at large find every thing contained in the said Paper corroborated ; and to our great anxiety it results that the Streights of Malacca are infested with Pyrats of considerable force too formadable for our single ship to encounter with, least hopes of makeing a successfull defence : as also that they will be too vigilent for us to escape in those narrow seas, without being seen and attacqued by them.

On the other hand we have with great accuracy revised our Covenants with and Instructions from the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company, which are so full, and possitive, requiring us to proceed hence to China there to make our Investment for England. That they have not left us the least umbrage or pretext to deviate or alter our Voyage, which should we do will be a manifest violation of their orders, and our Contract with them ; The penaltyes thereof we cannot Incur but to the utter ruine of our Estates and Reputation, being the onely tenure by which we hold our present, and can entitle us to a future employment from the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company.

Howbeit we are not so partiall and tenacious of this Jewell, but are more deeply touch'd with a sence and care of preserving and improving the Hon^{ble}: Companys Estate under our mannagement, and think it our indispensible duty in all exigences whatsoever to secure it from the least diminution and much more from the depredations of such Inexorable Enemyes as sea Rovers ordinarily prove to all who fall into their Hands.

Wherefore that we may act and proceed with the least incommoditie to the Interest in which we are embarqu'd, and notwithstanding ship Union and her Cargo is consigned to us. We humbly & earnestly intreat of your Honour and Council to advise and direct our steps and deportment in this Extremitee and what course is the most eligible amidst these apparent Evill's.

And that we may effectually attain the Hon^{ble}: Companys ends in sending us out : We do most importunatly begg that your Honour and Council consider of speedy wayes and meanes for procuring some good ship to our Company and countenance whereby your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: will greatly derive to the Companys wealth which in principal aboard us Amounts to more than Eleven Thousand Pounds sterling, and likewise ease them of the great charge of Demorage, which must inevitably fall on them should we stop the ship here.

To this your Hono^{rs}: and Councils pro[pitious] reply will bind us with the strictest ties.

Yo^{r}: obed^{t}: Hum^{ble}: Serv^{ts}:
Josia Cliffe.
John Bebington.
John Goodsole.

Fort S^{t}: George, June 5th: 1703.

15th. Received ℘ Pattamarr a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S^{t}: David dated the 11th: Instant, advising that [Dawd Cawne] with his Army had been there, but was marcht away without giving them any trouble.

18. Ship Humphrey and Charles John Cornelius Com^{r}: sailed out of this road for Metchlepatam & Vizagap^{m} : and Bengall to the two former Places sent Packet dated the 10th : Instant.

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Received ℘ Pattamars two Packets from the President and Council of Fort William in Bengall dated 17th: and 20th: April, and one from the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam dated 8th: Instant.

Ship Pearle Capt: Samuel Heaton Comander arrived in this Road from Battavia. 19.

Ship President who sailed for Fort St: David the 12th: Instant, and had got no farther then Covelong, returned into this Road to Land the Souldiers she had on board her for Fort St: David, whom they had now no occasion for, the Nabob having past by that Place.

Ship Ruparle Capt: Tyler Comandr: sailed out of this road for Bengall. 21st.

Ship Goodhope Capt: Henry Harnet Commander sailed out of this Road for Bengall. 22.

Ship Naudemaudat Hodjee Salum Noquedah sailed out of this Road bound for Bengall.

Ship St: Cauhatain Coja Saphir Noquedah sail'd into St: Thoma Road.

Received ℘ Pattamars a Generall Letter from the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam dated the 11th: Instant with Copy of their Generall Books. 11th.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNR: — THURSDAY 24TH

FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATTHEW EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL

JOHN MEVERELL.

Mr: Matthew Empson Sea Customer payes into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Four Thousand five hundred Pagodas on Account Sea Customs. — Pa. 4500 pd into Cash Accot: Sea Customs.

Thomas Pitt Esqr: President reads his Account of the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash for the month of May last Ballance Pags: 15292: 25: 4. — Account of the Rt: H. C. Cash for the moth: May read.

Mr: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper reads his Warehouse Account for the Months of April and May last, and his Account Remaines. — Warehouse-keeper's Account for the moth: of April & May wch: Accot: remains read.

Mr: John Meverell Paymaster payes into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Twelve hundred & Ninety Pagodas in part of money paid by the Inhabitants for the Black Town Wall and workes. — Pa: 1290 pd into Cash for Black Town Wall.

Gruapau &ca: Arrac Farmers payes into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Three Hundred Pagods: on yt: Acct. — Pa: 300 pd into Cash by the Arrac Farmers.

Ponagetto Narso &ca: Tobacco and Beetle Farmers payes into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash One Thousand Pagodas on that Account. — Pa. 1,000 pd: into Cash by the Tobacco farmers.

Agreed that Five hundred Pagodas be paid Mr: John Meverell Paymaster towards building the Black Town Wall and workes. — Pa: 500 order'd the Paymastr: towards build[ing] the black Town Wall.

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Letters received read.

Generall Letters from the President and Council of Fort William in Bengall dated 17th : 19th : & 20th : April and Copy of Sr : Edward Littletons raving Letter about Woolston to the President and Council there, also a Generall from the Chief and Council of Metchlepatm : dated 11th : June all now read.

Pa : 331 : 11. p.t into Cash by Mrs : Dubois towards her husbands debt to the Compa :

Mrs : Du Bois Relique of Mr : Daniel Dubois decd : payes into the Rt : Honble : Companys Cash Three hundred thirty one Pagodas eleven fanams in part of the sd : Mr : Daniel Dubois Debt to the Company.

Gunner & Souldier Entertd : and a Gunner discharg'd :

Ordered that Antonio Frigado be Entertained one of the Gunroome Crew, and that Randell Fowkes be discharged from thence, also that Antinio Quioly be Entertained a Souldier in this Garrison.

Mr : Jennings order'd Steward.

Agreed that Mr : William Jennings be Steward and that he enters upon the said Employ the primo of next month, when Mr Page delivers him an Accot : Remaines of whatever in his charge belonging to the Rt : Honble : Company.

Bills drawn by York Fort & Bantall agreed to be paid.

The Deputy Governour and Council of York Fort, and the Chief and Council of Bantall having advised us in their General Letter ℘ ship Union of their having drawn on us the following Bills of Exchange, Agreed that the same be paid Vizt.

YORKE FORT BILLS	Doll :	su :	sa :	Pa :	fa :	ca :
One Bill payble : to Messrs : Cliffe & Bebington.	889	1	...	523	3	11
One Bill to Mr : Bebington	126	...	...	74	4	19
One Bill to Capt : Goodsole	539	...	...	317	2	9
One Bill to Mr : Wright	600	...	...	352	33	71
	2154	1	...	...	...	...
BANTALL.						
One Bill to Charles Bagden	1660	3	...	976	32	66

Messrs : Marshall &ca: acquaints us wth : their proceedings wth : Capt : Matthews.

Messrs : Marshall and Fleetwood acquaint us that they have been treating with Capt : Matthews for a Voyage to China, who is willing to go, but can't be prevail'd with to stay longer there then the 22d : December by which time the Supra Cargoes will not ingage to dispatch their business, so that they are resolved to proceed no further in that matter.

THO: PITT.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.
THOMs : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

24 Ship London Capt : George Matthews Commander sailed for Bengall.

Sloop Ganges Thomas Morris Master sailed for Bengall.

28 This evening Pattamars arrived from Fort St : David by whom the Governour received a Letter, advising of the arrivall there of Ship Monsoon from Persia as also inclosed was copy of a Printed paper yt : ship brought thence, which gives an Account of the Glorious Victory our Fleet has had att Vigo under the Command of Sr : George Rooke and the Land force under the Command of His Grace the Duke of Ormond by taking & destroying the Spanish Galloons, and 18 French men of Warr that were their convoy, and the Place itselfe taken.

Ship Sedgwick Capt : Rawlings Commandr : saild for Atcheen.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ^R: PRESID^T: & GOVERN^R: TUESDAY 29TH
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Mr: Joseph Hiller Provissionall Storekeep^r: reads his Storekeepers Account for the month of May last, and payes into the R^t: Hon^ble: Companys Cash Four Hundred Pagodas on that Account.

Storekeepers Acco^t: for the moth: of May read, and Pa: 400 pd into Cash Acco^t: Stores sold.

Mr: Richard Hunt Provissionall Land Customer reads his Land Customers Account for the month of April and May last Viz^t.

Land Custom Acco^t: for ye moth: of April & May read and

April—Choultry Custom	Pa: 256: 22: 20	
Rubie Broakers	„ 150: 34: 48	
Town Broakers	„ 9: 3: 21	
Registring slaves	„ 1: 4: —	
		P. 417: 28: 9
May—Choultry Custom	„ 171: 24: 48	
Rubie Broakers	„ 98: 9: 63	
Town Broakers	„ 12: 13: 18	
Registring Slaves	„ — 32: —	
		P. 283: 7: 49

and payes into the R^t: Hon^ble: Companys Cash Four hundred and ten Pagodas, twenty eight fanams, nine Cash.

Pa: 410: 28: 9: pd into Cash Accot: Land Customs.

Mr: Hunt who was formerly Mannager of the Tobacco Revenue reads the Ballance of that Account and payes into the R^t: Hon^ble: Companys Cash seaventy six Pagodas two fanams, sixty nine Cash for the same and whereas there is Candy 7. 18.^mds. 10^lbs. which cost Pagod^s: 82. 19. 11 remaining, which is in a manner dust and durt and good for nothing. 'Tis ordered that the same be carryed off to Profit, and Loss of that Account.

Tobacco Mannagers Accot: read & Pa. 76–2–69 paid into Cash as ye Ballce of y Accot. Tobacco Ca. 7. 18md. 10lb good for nothing. orderd to be carryd off to Profit & loss.

There being no hopes of sending the London to accompany the Union to China, nor a probabillity of the arrivall of a Europe ship in such time to accompany her. 'Tis resolved that our answere to the Supra Cargoes Paper delivered us the 15^th. Instant be forewith delivered them, which is now read, and Entered after this Consultation, and if afterwards they resolve to proceed to China. 'Tis ordered that the Supra Cargoes of the Sedgwick deliver them forewith what silver they shall want on the Companyes Account at the rate they bought itt, supposing that they will want in Silver about Twenty four Thousand Pagodas, they having sold their Dollars in Battavia for Gold, and Benjamin, and for what silver remaines, 'tis agreed that the Supra Cargoes dispose of it for Account of their Employers, in consideration that the Company have had the use of their money for about two months past, besides we are not in Cash to repay them the remainder without taking it up at Interest, which will not counter[vail] the little Profit, if any be that will be made upon [it].

No hopes of the London going to China. Paper in answere to the Supra Cargoes of the Union agreed on. Supra Cargoes on the Sedgwick to deliver the Union wt. silver they want paying for it as bought of the Compa., &c.

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the remainder the Supra Cargoes to sell Accot of the Employr. Amot. of the Unions Papers ordered to be paid.

Resolved that as soon as the Unions Peper is [...] garbled, and that the Warehousekeeper advise the weight thereof, that they be paid for the same after the rate of Eighteen Pags. and a halfe a Candy.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS. MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

To MESSRS: CLIFFE, BEBINGTON, GOODSOLE,
SUPRA CARGOES OF THE UNION.

Srs:

We received your address to us the 15th Inst. for our advice relating to your prosecuting yor: Voyage to China, which we had sooner answered, but were endeavouring to hire the London to accompany you whose Commander being jealouse he could not return soon enough to save his passage for England, could not be perswaded to stay a competent time in China for our Merchants to do their business, besides we were in hopes by this time some ship would have arrived here from England, whom we would have sent with you, unless ordered to the contrary.

We can give you no other reasons for desisting from the prosecution of your Voyage to China, then that of the Pyratt's, to which newes 'tis manifest we give Credit by laying aside severall Ships of this Port, Laden ready to saile through the Streights of Malacca.

As to your Contracts, and obligations to the Company, you are best able to Judge as being the ℘sons that must stand and fall by them, but for what relates to us, which is to supply you with Silver for your Pepper. We are not only ready to comply with that, but likewise to furnish you with silver for the Amount of your Gold, or what else Goods of the Companys you shall dispose of here, and are also ready to assist you in all matters whatever, but must conclude 'tis our thoughts, that if you proceed to China you'l run great hazards. We are

SRS.
YOUR HUMBLE SERVTS.
THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

FORT ST. GEORGE, 27TH JUNE 1703.

30th. Received ℘ Pattamars a Generall Letter from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam dated the 11th Instant & from the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam dated the 19th: Ditto. From the former of the two Places we received a Packet from the West Coast, brought thither by Sloop Queen Anne, who was bound hither but lost her Passage, the Packet contained Vizt:

A Packet from the Rt: Honble: to the President and Council here dated 4th: August 1702 with copy of a Letter from the 24 Mannagers.

A Packet from the Mannagers to the President and Council in Bengall.

A Packet from the New Company to John Pitt Esqr: &ca Council at Metchlepatam.

A Packet from Dittos to Sr: Edward Littleton Knt: President &ca Council in Bengall.

A Packet from the Deputy Governour & Council of York Fort dated 30th: March last.

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A Packet from the Chief and Council of Bantall, dated the 15th: April.

This evening the Governour invited the Gentlemen of the Council, and severall of the Inhabitants to a treat at the Garden, where they drank the Queens health the Rt: Honble: Companys &ca with fireing Great Guns and other tokens of rejoyceing for the Great Victory our Grand Fleet had had at Vigo. JULY

2D Ship Monsoon Capt: Child Commander arrived in this road from Persia, by whom we received a Generall Letter from the Agent and Council there, dated the 23d: April 1703 and the President received severall Letters from Ispahawn, and Aleppo, which confirms the News received the 30th: past, and that our Grand Fleet was arrived England with the French Men of Warr and Galloons that they had taken, whose riches amounted to near Ten millions Pound Sterl.

Briggantine Endeavour Samuel Hart Master sailed for Bengall, by whom we sent a Generall Letter to the President and Council of Fort William dated the Pmo: Instant inclosing a Packet from the Honble: the Twentyfour Mannagers to the Presidt: &ca: in Bengall and a Packet from the New Compa: to their President and Council there. Recd: Via Bencoolen. 3

Dispatch'd ℔ Boat Generall Letters to the Chief & Council of Metchlepatam and to the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam both dated this day.

Ship Union Capt: John Goodsole Commander sail'd for the Port of Canton in China, by whom sent a Generall to the Rt: Honble: Company dated the 7th: Instant. 8

Briggantine Dilligence Capt: William Rogers Comr: sailed out of the road bound for Atcheen.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNR: FRYDAY 9TH

THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

MR: ELLIS, *sick.*

Accot: of the Comps: Cash for the moth: June read.

Thomas Pitt Esqr: President reads his Account of the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash for the month of June last, Ballance Pags: 9424: 11: 2.

Paymasters Account for the moth: of May read.

Mr: John Meverell Paymaster reads his Paymastr: Account for the month of May last Vizt:

Charges Garrison	Pags:	1,208: 5
Charges Dyett	„	405: 24
Charges Cattle	„	39: 17
Silk Wormes	„	11: 19
Vizagapatam	„	5: 20
West Coast	„	10: =
Charges Generall	„	359: 3
Charges Extraordinary	„	13: 9
Sloop Expedition	„	114: 14
Fortification and repaires	„	60: 22
	Pags.	2,227: 25

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Severall Generalls received read, and

Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of York Fort dated 30th : March, with copy of the Rt : Honble : Companys Generall to them dated 30th : July 1702 ℘ ship Glocester, a Generall from the Chief and Council of Bantall [Bantam?] dated the 15th : April, from the Agent and Council of Persia, dated the 23d : April, from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam dated 11th : June from the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam dated ye : 19th : June 1703 were all now read, with a Generall to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David now read and approved.

Genll to Fort St David read and approved.

Pags : 1000 order'd the Paymaster.

Agreed that one Thousand Pagodas be paid Mr : John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

West Coast Bills ordered to be paid.

Agreed that the Following Bills of Exchange be paid, being what advised of in the Generall Lres from the Deputy Governour and Council of York Fort, and Chief and Council of Bantall Vizt:

	Dolls :	su.	sa.	Pags .	fa	ca.
York Fort						
One Bill payble to Messrs : Meverell & Hunt.	500 :	= :	=	294 :	4 :	18
One Bill payable to Dittos.	376 :	2 :	=	221 :	16 :	75
One Bill payable to Mr : Wright … …	255 :	= :	=	150 :	= :	=
	1,131 :	2 :	…	665 :	21 :	13
Bantall						
One Bill payable to Mrs Proby … …	68 :	… :	…	40 .	= :	=
One Bill to Robert Atkinson … …	200 :	… :	…	117 :	23 :	23
One Bill to Thomas Wigmore … …	1,000 :	… :	…	588 :	8 :	[37]
One Bill to Messrs : Willis & Dixon . .	1,950 :	1 :	…	1,147 :	7 :	33
Doll.	4,349 :	3 :	…	2,558 :	24 :	26

Pags: 730 pd : in by the Inhabitants towards building the black Town Wall.

Mr : John Meverell payes into the Rt : Honble : Comps : Cash seaven Hundred, and Thirty Pagodas being so much received by him from the Inhabitants for Accot : of the Black Town Wall and Works.

2 Souldiers and a Gunr. entertained.

Ordered that Joseph de Silva be Entertained one of the Gunroome Crew, and Francis Soares and Lewis de Mondonea Souldiers in this Garrison.

Jno : Paul Petition read.

John Paul Peire Souldier of this Garrison, delivered in a Petition against Padre Michael for making the Will of his wives Father, disposing all his Estate to the Church and his wife, excluding his children of which he had marryed a Daughter, the consideration of wch : deferred to another time.

Souldiers discharg'd to serve on board the Union.

Samuel Smallwood, Richard Webstor, Philips Cane, and Abraham Tayler Souldiers having served their time, and often importuning to be discharged in so much that they were become troublesome in the Garrison, and the Supra Cargoes and Commander of the Union, acquainting us that they wanted men extreamly, 'twas agreed that the aforementioned Smallwood &ca. be discharged in order to go on board that ship for China and England.

Tho : Pitt.
Tho : Wright.
M : Empson.
Thoms : Marshall.
John Meverell.

10th

Dispatch'd ℘ Pattamars a Generall Letter to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St : David dated yesterday.

Received ℘ Pattamars via Metchlepatam a Generall Letter from the President and Council of Fort William in Bengall dated the 6th : May.

11th

Received ℘ Pattamars a Packet from the Generall & Council of Surat qt. four Generalls dated the 28th: April 15th: 18th: 21st and 26 May with copy of the 24 Mannagers Lettr to them datd 24th Sepr recd ℘ Regard.

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Received ℣ Pattamar a Generall Letter from the new Companys President at Metchlepatam dated the 4th : Instant. 13TH

Received ℣ Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David dated the 8th : Instant and from the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam dated the 3d : Ditto. 14TH

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQR : PRESIDENT & GOVERNR :

THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATT. EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

WEDNESDAY 14TH

Ponagettee Narso &ca. Tobacco and Beetle Farmers payes into the Rt : Honble : Companys Cash Eight hundred Pagodas on that Account.

Pags : 800 pd into cash by the Tobacco farmers.

Ordered that the Paymaster provide the following black stone for Bengall House and Chappell Vizt. 10 inches square 1,200 for steps 14 inches for the tread 200.

Paymaster order'd to provide black stone for Bengall.

Henry Davenport Secry : payes into the Rt : Hon Companys Cash Twenty two Pagodas eight fans : being what salary due to Mr : Daniel Dubois decd.

Pags : 22. 8. pd into cash for Mr. Dubois salary.

Generall Letters from Surat dated the 28th: of April 15th : 18th : 21st : and 26th : of May, and copy of a Letter received from thence from the Hon'ble : the Twenty four Mannagers dated the 24th: September from the President and Council of Fort William in Bengall dated the 6th : May last. from the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam dated the 3d Instant, from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St : David dated the 8th : instant from the New Companys Chief at Metchlepatam dated the 4th : Ditto were all now read, as also a Generall Letter to the President and Council of Fort Willm : in Bengall dated yesterday now read and approv'd.

Severall Letters recd : read, and

Generall Lettr : to Bengal read and approv'd.

The General and Council at Surat having advised us in their Generall Letter dated the 18th May of their drawing Two Bills of Exchange on us for Four thousand four Hundred & forty Rupees 2 ps., Agreed that the same be paid in Surat if procureable, or at the price Currant in Pags. as also that One Hundred and Ninety Pags. be paid out of Cash, for a Bill of Exchange drawn by the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam as advised of in their above-mentioned Letter.

Surat and Metchlepatm: Bills of Exchange order'd to be paid.

Ordered that Manuel Decrues Topaz be Entertaind a Souldier, and Armon Tirrs of ye Gunners Crew in ye Garrison and that Francis Perriew be discharged from farther service there.

Gunner & a Souldier Entertain'd.

THO : PITT.
THO : WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.
THOMS. MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 15TH.

THOMAS PITT ESQR PRESIDENT & GOVERNR.
MATT. EMPSON. THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS MARSHALL.
FRANCIS ELLIS, *sick*

Instructions to all Accomptants in this Presidency concerning the Generall Bookes.

By Virtue of a Letter received from the Honble: Company dated the 4th : August 1702 acquainting us that the Union between the Two Companys is consummated, and Twenty four Mannagers chosen for the mannagement of the dead stock and United Trade whose orders we are to follow relating to the same, from whom we have likewise received a Letter dated the 31st. July 1702 pursuant to which we think fit to Issue the following orders to the Accomptant of this Place, and to all Chiefs and Councils subordinate to this Presidency.

1st. That they forewith proceed to the Ballancing the Generall Bookes to the 22d. July 1702.

2dly. That they commence bookes under the head of the United Trade and Mannagement bringing into those bookes the charge of Forts, Garrisons and Government as allso the receipts and incomes of all Revenues and Charges of Collecting the same, the Account of all stores bought in, sold and expended.

That Bookes be likewise commenced for the seperate Trade of our Company wherein is to be kept an Account of their particular Trade & Charges thereon, such as the charges of Factors &ca. and what presents are given the Government on that Account.

That both pair of Bookes are to be Ballanced as usuall in April.

That all Debts be as soon as possible got in and an Account adjusted in order to the speedy uniteing the Trade.

You must alsoe observe that all Revenues that were in Arrears, or what ever else owing on the 22d: July 1702 is to be brought to the Account of our Company, except what Stores or dead stock has been sold since the 2d. January 170½ and that must be brought to the Account of the United Trade.

Companys debt was demanded of ye. Merchts.

The Joint Stock Merchants concerned in former Contracts were summoned this day before us, and strictly enjoyned forewith to clear their Account and pay in Goods or money what they owe the Company, who answered that they daily mett to clear their Accounts amongst themselves and in 5 or 6 dayes should finish the same.

THO : PITT.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.
THOMs : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Ship Mary Capt. Samuel Heaton Commander sailed for Bengall by whom sent a Generall Letter to the President and Council of Fort William dated the 12th Instant.

Sloop Hurusalem arrived in this Road from Trincombar.

Capt. John Wyatt departed this Life last night and was this evening interred a Company of Souldiers marcht before the Corbs, which when [buryed] firred three Volleys, and the Garrison fired six Great Guns.

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At a Consultation

Present

Thomas Pitt Esq[e]: President & Govern[r]. — Friday 23[rd].
Matt. Empsom. Thomas Wright.
John Meverell. Thomas Marshall.
M[r]. Francis Ellis, *sick*.

M[r]. Matthew Empson Sea Customer reads his Accounts for the months of March, April & May Viz[t]. — Sea Custom Account for the moths. of March, April and May read.

March.

To Custom on Goods imported and exported this month Pa. ...	2412 : 2 : 4
To Ditto on Grain ...	42 : 30 : 16
To Anchorage ...	26 : 18 : 20
Pa.	2481 : 14 : 40

April.

To Custom on Goods imported and exported this month...Pag:	2645 : 25 : 65
To Ditto on Grain ... ...Pag:	53 : 30 : 60
To Anchorage	5 : 0 : 0
Pag[s]:	2704 : 20 : 46

May.

To Custom on Goods imported and exported this month Pag:	2172 : 24 : 42
To Ditto on Grain	81 : 21 : 12
To Anchorage	20 : 0 : 0
To Tunnage	33 : 12 : 0
To freight ℔ Mary Bowyear	54 : 15 : 20
Pag:	2362 : — : 17

and payes into the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Companys Cash Two Thousand five hundred Pagodas on that Account. — Pags.: 2500 p[d]: into Cash Account Sea Customs.

M[r]: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper reads his Accounts for the month of June last. — Warehousekeepers Acco[t]: for moth: June read.

Gruaupau &c[a]: Arrac farmers payes into the R[t]: Hon [ble]: Companys Cash Three hundred Pag[s]: on y[t]: Acco[t]: — Pags: 300 p[d]: into Cash by the Arrac Farmers.

M[r]: John Meverell payes into the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Comp[s]: Cash Six hundred and fifteen Pagodas, on Account money paid by the Inhabitants towards building the Black Town Wall and Workes. — Pags. 615 p[d]: into Cash by the Inhabitants towards building the Black Town Wall.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid M[r]: John Meverell Paymaster towards building the Black Town Wall and Workes, And that One Thousand Pagodas more be advanced him for defraying Charges Garrison. — Pags: 1000 advanced tow[d]: building the Black Town Wall and Pags: 1000 orderd the Paymaster.

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Pags : 500 pd : into Cash Acct : Quitt Rents.

Mr: Charles Bugden Rentall Generall payes into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Five Hundred Pagods. as part of the Quit Rent ending the ultimo August 1701.

Pgs : 1200 Town rent money agreed to bel pd :

The Kings Duan Mahomud Syde having wrott the Governour to pay the Yearly Town Rent money which is Twelve Hundred Pagodas to the Governr: and Amein at St: Thoma which was due the ulto: last month, 'tis agreed that it be paid taking secure Receipts and discharges for the same.

Examination of two Persons for Piracy.

Dirck Rowlinson and Benjamin Charles who were committed for Piracy upon an accusation given in by severall of the Pembrooke frigots ships Company to which ship the two aforesaid men belonged, so yt. yesterday the Governour (Mr. Marshall being likewise present) sent for the Two Prisoners Rowlinson and Charles and their Accusors, and examined both partyes face to face, when upon the whole matter their crimes were found to bee only intentionally & that they had not committed any overt Act so as to ground a charge in order to Try them upon the late Act of Parliament for Piracy, but upon examination it plainly appeared that Benjamin Charles had behaved himself very insolently to his Comānder and other officers whilst the ship was in the Pyrats possession, and refused to do the ships work besides 'tis believed he had went with the Pirates had not he been prevented by Mr Fenwick the Supra Cargoe, so it is absolutely necessary that he bee publickly punisht to deturr others from doing the like, the consideration of which and discharging the other Prisoner is deferred till another meeting.

Benjamin Charles to be punish'd.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMs. MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

26. The Commander of Ship Howland about three a Clock this afternoone went on board his ship, and presently after sailed, being bound to Surat by whom we sent a Packet to the Generall and Council there dated the 20th: Instant, as also ship Pembrooke Frigot sailed being bound to the said Port.

Received ℘ Boat a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St: David dated the 20th: Instant.

27. Received a Generall from the Commodore & Council of Anjengo dated the 3d Instant.

28. Ship Monsoon Joseph Child Master saild for Bengall.

Dispatch'd ℘ Pattamars a Generall Letter to the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam dated the 26th: Instant, and to the Chief and Council of Vizagapatm: dated this day, as also a Generall to the New Comps. President at Metchlepatam dated 26th: Instant.

AT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY 27th [Tuesday?]

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNR:
MATT. EMPSON. THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS MARSHALL.
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS, *sick*.

Letters recd: & sent read.

Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St: David dated the 20th: Inst: now read, as also a Generall Letter to the Depty: Governour and Council of Fort St: David, to the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam, and to the New Companys President there, all dated the 26th: Instant now read and approved.

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Ordered that the Warehousekeeper buy one Hundred Garse of Paddy for a store for the Garrison being now the cheapest time. 100 Garse Paddy [*sic*] to be bought.

Ordered that the Paymaster do provide sundrys wanting for the Hospitall, according to the List now delivered into the Secretarys office. Necessarys for the Hospitall ordered to be bought.

Ordered that Biter Dessa Topaz be entertain'd a Souldier in this Garrison. Souldier Entertaind.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM^{s}: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOV^{R}:
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS MARSHALL.
M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS, *sick*.

THURSDAY 29TH:

The President payes into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Cash Two Hundred fifty-eight Pag^{s}: thirtyfour fanams, thirtyfive Cash, for twentyeight oz. of Gold Coined in the Mint, being for what Doll^{r}: Davis sold the Companys Pepper at Atcheen as ₧ Account. P 258: 34: 35 prodnce of Gold rec^{d} from Atcheen.

Henry Davenport Secretary payes into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash Seaventeen Pagodas twelve fanams Account fees for Passes for the months of May and June. P. 17: 12 p^{d} into Cash Acco^{t}: Secr^{y}: Fees.

M^{r}: Matthew Empson Sea Customer reads his Sea Custom Account for the month of June last Viz^{t}: Sea Custom Acco^{t}: read.

To Custom on Goods imported & exported this month ...	P:	1605:	7	58
To Ditto on Grain ...	„	68:	19	64
To Anchorage ...	„	42:	=	=
To Tunnage ...	„	141:	24:	
	Pa.	1,857:	15:	42

M^{r}: Joseph Hiller Provissionall Storekeeper reads his Accounts for the month of June last, and payes into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash six Hundred Pagodas on Account Stores sold. Storekeepers Acco^{t}: read & Pa: 600 p^{d} into Cash.

M^{r}: Richard Hunt Provissionall Land Customer reads his Land Custom Account for the month: of June last Viz^{t}: Land Custom Acco^{t}: read, and

Choultry Custom ..	Pa:	199:	31:	32
Rubie broakers ...	„	47:	4:	4
Town Broakers ...	„	19:	24:	75
Registring slaves ...	„	=	8:	=
	Pag^{s}:	266:	32:	31

and payes into Cash Two Hundred seaventy one Pagodas twenty nine fanams forty nine Cash. P. 271: 29: 49 p^{d}: into Cash on that Account.

Generall Letter from the Commodore and Council at Anjengo dated the 3^{d}: Instant now read. Gen ll: Lett^{r}: [read]

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P 3944 pd : into cash by the Warehousekeeper. Mr: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper payes into the Rt: Honble: Comyanys Cash the sume of Three Thousand nine Hundred forty four Pagodas on Account Goods sold out of the Warehouse.

Pa. 1000 order'd ye : Paymastr : Agreed that one Thousand Pagods: be paid Mr: John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Old Marshall discharg'd and a new one made. Tilman Holt having served many yeares Martiall of this Garrison, and discharged his duty very faithfully but being now very ancient he has often importuned us to discharge him which is now agreed to and that Wheatly Garthorn serve in his roome in that Employ having Petitioned for the same, and enter it the primo next month.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

31ST : Dispatch'd ℘ Pattamar a Generall Letter to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St: David dated the 26th : Instant.

AUGUST 3D : Ketch Josiah Mr: Lambert Master sailed for Pollicatt from thence to Rackan.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 5TH

THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MATT. EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS. } *sick.*
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT. }

Accot : Cash for ye : month of July read. Thomas Pitt Esqr : President reads his Account of the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash for the month of July last Ballance Pagodas 6472 : 26 : 2.

P. 2054 15 pd : into Cash Accot : Custom. Mr: Matthew Empson Sea Customer payes into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Two Thousand fifty four Pags: fifteen fans: and twenty Cash Vizt: Pa. 2000 on Accot: Custom and Pa. 54: 15: 20. Accot: freight on the Mary Bowyear from Bengall.

Pa: 300 pd : into Cash-Account Quit Rents. Mr: Charles Bugden Rentall Generall payes into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Three Hundred Pagodas in part of the Quit Rent ending the ultimo August 1701.

Pa : 250 pd : into Cash-Accot : Black Town wall. Mr: John Meverell payes into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Two Hundred and fifty Pagodas, on Account money paid in by the Inhabitants towards building the Black Town Wall and Workes.

4 Souldiers Entertaind. Ordered that Matthias Dies, John Desore, Paul Rodrigo, and Fetrain Topazes be Entertaind Souldiers in this Garrison.

Paymasters Accot : for June read. Mr: John Meverell Paymaster reads his Paymasters Account for the month of June last, Vizt:

Charges Garrison	Pags:	1,251 : 3
Charges Cattle	,,	27 : 21
Silk Wormes	,,	10 : 26
Accot: Presents Metchlepatam	,,	6 : 12
Charges Extraordinary	,,	9 : 31
Charges Dyett	,,	604 : 11
Charges Generall	,,	309 : 20
Bombay	,,	11 : 12
Fortification and Repairs	,,	94 : 25
	Pags:	2,325 : 17

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The Stares upon the River near the Fort being intollerable bad that it is dangerous to go up or down, 'tis ordered that the Paymaster forewith [pull] them down and make them new, as also a very strong Gate for the security of the Passage.

Stares by the river orderd to be made new.

Dirck Rowlinson who was committed upon an information of Piracy which was examined into as ℘ Consultation the 23d. past, month, 'Tis agreed yt. he shall be discharged from his confinement paying Ten Pagodas to the Poors box at the Sea Gate. And that Benjamin Charles who was imprisoned upon the same information, 'Tis Agreed that the Martiall whip him at every Gate in the Christian Town, and that a moiety of his wages be paid into the aforesaid Poors box, which orders the Owners of the Pembrooke are to observe, and forewith pay them both their Wages, of which the Secry. is to acquaint them.

Dirck Rowlinson discharg'd &. to Pay 10 P. to ye poor.

Benja. Charles to be whipt at all the Gates & ½ wages to be given the Poor.

Rice and Provissions being tollerable cheap to what they have been of late Yeares, and whereas in the time of the Famine the hire of all day Labourers, such as Cooleys, Carpenters, Bricklayers &ca was considerably advanced on that consideration, which we think reasonable should now be reduced, and in order thereunto the Governour promisses that he will consult the Ancient Inhabitants about it, and inspect what they formerly was paid before the Famine.

retrenching of day-labourers wages proposed. why.

The Duans Wife being dead so that there is a necessity of sending a Letter of condolement wherewith 'tis Customary to send some small Present, and beleiving the Nabob will expect the same 'Tis thought adviseable that the Governour writes a Letter to the Nabob and Duan, and send with it such things as might be thought acceptable to the value of about Thirty Pagodas to be delivered them by our Braminy in their Camp.

Present for ye Duan.

Lettrs. to the Nabob and Duan with Present to be sent.

THO : PITT.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.
THOMs : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Received ℘ Pattamars a Generall Letter from the Generall and Council at Suratt dated 19th : June inclosing a Pacquett from the Rt : Honble : Company to this Place received by ship Regard ; and Two Pacquets from the New Companys President there, One Directed to the Twenty Four Directors of the New East India Compa. the other to President Jno : Pitt Esqr. &ca. Council at Metchlepm. 10th.

Ship Madapollam sailed for Pollicat.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQr : PRESIDENT & GOVERNr :
MATT : EMPSON. THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS MARSHALL.

THURSDAY 12TH.

The President reads his Accounts of the Mint for the month of May, June and July, and payes into ye. Rt. Honble. Companys Cash Seaven Hundred fifty nine Pagodas, twenty five fanams and seaventy five Cash, and delivers into the Warehouse Rupees Eighteen Hundred eighty four 9 ans. and West Coast Cash 2,68,850.

Mint Accot. for May June & July read and P. 759 : 25. 75 pd. into Cash.

Rups: 1884. 9 & 2,68,850. West Coast Cash delivered Warehouse-keepr.

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P. 700 pd. into Cash by the Tobacco farmers.

Ponagettee Narso &ca Tobacco and Beetle farmers payes into the Rt. Honble. Companys Cash Seaven Hundred Pagodas on that Account.

Hoghouse agreed to be built.

In our late troubles with the Government we found we were straiten very much for a Proper place to keep live Provissions in, more especially hogs and not knowing how soon we may have the like occasion 'tis Agreed that the Paymaster forewith build upon the Island a convenient Place for the same in such manner as the Governour shall direct.

Lettr : recd : read.

Generall Letter from the Generall and Council of Suratt dated the 19th. June now read.

Mr : Riley delivers in a Petition.

Mrs : Elizabeth Riley Relict to Mr : Charles Riley deceased delivers in a Petition, desiring The Payment of what money due to her Husband on Account Salary due from the Rt : Honble : Company on the West Coast, the inquiry into which is referred to the Accomptant to examine the bookes and report the same.

P. 1000 ordered ye Paymr :

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid Mr : John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

The Govr : informes the Council wt : inquiry he has made about day labourers.

The Governour having inquired into the hyre of day Labourers before the Famine, which he finds Generally was not then above two thirds of what it is a[t] present, which was raised in consideration of the Famine and excessive dearness of all Provisions, the reason of which now being in good measure removed ; Provissions being tollerable cheap particularly Paddy from 38 to 40 Mercal for a Pagoda 'Twas thought a seasonable time to reduce their hyre to what it was formerly, and in order thereto the Governour sent for some of the Ancient Inhabitants to advise thereon, who acquainted him that Paddy before the famine was from 70 to 100 Mercall for a Pago : and all other Provissions in Proportion, besides the Company had then noe Farmes of Beetle, Tobacco, Ganjees, nor Arrac wch. lyest heavyest on the poorest sort of People, who are not able to subsist without it, therefore desired us by no meanes to think of lessening their hyre for that if we did the Poor would not be able to support themselves and familyes all which the Governour acquainted the Council who unanimously agreed with him to lay aside for the present any farther consideration of this matter.

2 Persons agreed to be taken in to reside at ye. Nabobs Camp.

It being the Generall report of the Country yt. there will be suddain alterations in the Governmt. by the removeall of the Nabob, or Duan, or both, and we having but two spy Braminys in the Camp, and here being [*lacunæ*] who tenders his service, being son to Vinkettee Puttee who procur'd the Phirmaund from the King of Golcondah for this Place, and he seeming to be an intelligeable person, 'Tis agreed he be Entertaind if he will serve for five or six Pagodas ℔ mensem to reside as a private Person in the Camp to give us intelligence of all affaires of importance, but not to be there as a Vacqueel.

Surat Bills agreed to be paid out of Cash.

Surat Rupees not being procureable it is agreed that the Bills drawn by the Generall and Council at Surat Amounting to Rups. Four Thousand four Hundred and forty and 2 ps. be forewith pd. out of Cash, computing 335 Rupees for 100 Pags.

Comps. Debt demanded of the Joint Stock Merchts :

The old Joint Stock Merchants being summoned before us of whom the Companys Debt was demainded who made use of their old Artifice to delay the payment thereof in saying that they were adjusting their Accots. between themselves, and had not yet finisht the same who were told by the Governour that that was not satisfactory Answere, for that we had nothing to do with those Accounts, nor could the Payment of their Debt be longer deferred upon that account, for that they were Jointly and severally bound to the Company for the Payment thereof under their Hands and Seals, and unless they did speedily effect the same, we must take the proper methods to recover it of them, after which if there was any disputes amongst them of injustice done to one another in the Mannagement of the Comps. Affaires we should be alwayes ready to

If not payd proper means would be used.

hear it, and to the best of our Judgment do them justice therein of which we ordered them to consider and give their answer thereto on Monday morning next at eight a Clock before the Governour and Council. Monday next given y^m. to finish them

Ordered that David Carne be Entertained Gunersmate of the Inward Fort. Gunner Entertaind.

THO : PITT.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.
THOM^s : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Ship Prince Charles belonging to the Danes arrived in this Road from Trincombar. 15.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ^R : PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R : MONDAY, 16^TH :
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Gruapau &c^a. Arrac Farmers payes into the R^t : Hon^ble : Companys Cash Three Hundred Pag^s. on that Account. Arrac Farmers pay into Cash P. 300.

Seraupau &c^a. Joint Stock Merchants were before us y^t. day as order'd in Consultation the 12^th : Instant, when the Companys debt was again demanded of them, to which they answered with frivolous pretences of Accounts depending amongst themselves as formerly ; which being not satisfactory. 'Tis agreed they be confind to the Brown Godown and there to remain till they have paid the Companys debt, or given satisfaction for the same. Joint Stock Merchants confined to the Browne Godown till their debts are p^d. or Security Given

Ordered that Antonio de Vouzaire and Guillomde Monte Topazes be Entertaind Souldiers in y^s. Garrison. 2 Souldiers Enterte

THO : PITT.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.
THOM^s : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Ship Colchester Cap^t : Alexander Reid Comãnder arrivd in this Road this morning from Gombroone in Persia (where they buryed their Comãnder Cap^t. Benj^n. Rouse) by whom we received a Packet from the Chief and Council there dated the 30^th. June, inclosing Severall Italian Gazetts with an abstract of newes received from Europe, part of which we have already received, excepting that part where the King of Portugall has declared Warr against the Crownes of France and Spain and the King of Polands being dethron'd. 17^TH

Ship Mahomud sailed for Quodah.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

TUESDAY 17TH.

THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNR:
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
JOHN MEVERELL.

The Council being duely summoned.

Warehousekeepr order'd to unload all Goods &ca on Colchester.

Ship Colchester arriving in this Road from Gombroone in Persia; ordered that the Warehousekeeper do unload what Goods sent thence for this Place, and that he weighs off, and send aboard his proportion of Redwood according to Charterparty. And that Boats be forewith sent off to bring ashore the 5 Horses that are come on the Companys Account.

200 Ca. redwood ordered on board ship Colchester.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper do Load on board ship Colchester Two Hundred Candy of Redwood for Bengall.

Lettr: recd now read.

Generall Letter from the Chief and Council of Gombroone dated 30th. June last now read.

Armenians acquaintd: ship Colchester was suddainly designed for Bengll.

Mr: Walker was sent to the Armenians to advise them to dispatch what business they had immediatly for that ship Colchester was designed for Bengall in few dayes.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
JOHN: MEVERELL.

18TH.

Received ℘ Pattamars the following Generall Letters Vizt: from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatm. datd. 12 June from the Chief and Council of Metchlepatm. datd 4th Instant.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 19TH:

THOMAS PITT ESQr: PRESIDENT & GOVERNr:
MATTHEW EMPSON. THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS MARSHALL.

Letters recd: now read. Bills order'd to be paid..

Generall Letter from the Chief and Council of Vizagapm. dated the 12th. July last, and Generall from the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam dated 4th. Instant both now read; The former advising of Two Bills of Exchange drawn on this Presidency One for Rupees 3,500 The other for Rupees 888·4 ps. and for Pags. 500 which are agreed to be paid; and those Bills in Rupees to be computed after the rate of Three Hundred Twenty six for One Hundred Pags. as they now sell.

Order'd that six hundred Black Stone for paveing be Loaded on board ship Colchester for Bengall.

2 Gunners discharged.

Order'd that Joseph Shaw and Henry Powney who formerly belonged to ship Colchester, be discharged from farther service in this Garrison, to go on board said ship.

Surveigh on board ship Colchester ordered to be made &. Persons nominated.

There being a rumour of the Colchesters being leaky 'Tis resolved, that she be forewith surveighed (as the weather permitts) by two of the Council and some Commanders of ships of this Place, and that they report in what condition they find her. Vizt. Mr. Matthew Empson, Mr. John Meverell, Capt. George Heron, Capt. William How, Capt. Richard Phrip, Capt. Thomas' Plumbe, Gunner Atkinson and Daniel Wiseman.

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We having in the Warehouse and what ready att Fort St. David sufficient Number of Bales to load the Colchester if she returnes frō Bengall any time next month, but then likewise expecting the Glocester from the West Coast who must if possible be returned again to that Place with Salt Petre, Redwood, and some Bales, and the Chambers Frigot being allso expected from China in January next at farthest wn: her time is expired for staying longer in the Country so that of necessity she must be Load'd Home, besides 'tis very probable we may have ships arrive from Europe that the Company may expect to be dispatchd this next season which reasons (as allso at this time there is no Europe Nation making but little if any Investment on this Coast, which gives us hopes that Cloth will be much cheaper) induces us at this time to consider of making an Investment both here and at Fort St David to the Amount of about One Hundred Thousand Pagodas, and in order thereto resolved that a Letter be wrott to the Depy. Governour and Council of Fort St David to treat wth. their Merchants about the same, and that they forthwith returne their answere what abatement they will make on their last Contract. An investment here and at Fort St: David considered off.

Resolved that leave be given the Deputy Governr and Council of Fort St: David to draw on us Bills to the Amount of Six Thousand Pagodas towards satisfying their Merchants what we are in Arrears to. Leave for St: David to draw on us a Bill for Pa 6000.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMs: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Dispatch'd ℘ Pattamars the following Generall Letters Vizt. to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St David, to the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam to the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam all dated the 20th: Instant. 21.

A large Dutch ship past by to the Northward, and saluted this Garrison. 22D.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVR. — Monday 23d.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT. EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Mr John Meverell payes into the Rt. Honble. Camps. Cash the sum̄e of Two Hundred Pagodas, on Account money paid in by the Inhabitants towards building the black Town Wall and works. Pa 200 pd into Cash Accot. of Black Town Wall.

Mr Charles Bugden Rentall Generall reads his Accounts of the Quit Rents for the Year ending August 1701 and payes into the Rt Honble Companys Cash Twenty seaven Pagodas thirty one fanams as the Ballance of that Account. Pa 27. 31. pd into Cash as Ballance Quit rents.

Mr Joseph Hiller Provissionall Storekeeper reads his Storekeepers Account for the month of July last, and payes into the Rt. Honble. Companys Cash Five Hundred Pagodas on Account Stores sold. Storekeeprs. Accot for July [read] Pa 500 pd. into Cash on yt. Account.

The Company having sent out some Hatts for Souldiers, for which there is little or no use here, resolved the same be sold at Outcry for the most they can get they being a perishable commodity. Hatts ordered to be sold.

The Governour having confined Capt Seaton and Mr Stratford for going out yesterday to the Companys old Garden to fight a Duell, He ordered them to be brought up this day before him in Council to examine into the occasion of it, when, 'twas found that Capt Seaton gave the challenge without any manner of Capt Seaton & Stratford before the Govr & Council about Duelling.

provocation, so that it was resolved their confinement should be continued till wee had considered what punishment we should afflict on them to deturr others from doing the like.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN [MEVERELL.].

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

TUESDAY 24TH.

THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNR.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT. EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.
MR. ELLIS, *sick*.

Surveys ship Colchestr. reported.

Messrs: Empson and Meverell &ca: delivers in their report of the survey of ship Colchester which is Entd after this Consultation.

Armenians complain against Capt Rouse decd.

deferred till next meeting.

The Armenians that Freighted ship Colchester for Persia, delivers in a Petition, and a charge against Capt. Rouse deceased for moneys he extorted from them and Goods taken in more then his priviledge the consideration of which is deferred till to-morrow at four in the evening, when 'Tis ordered that Capt: Reid, Mr. Walker and the Armenians attend. The Petition and Charge is as Entered after this Consultation.

Severall Papers produced relating to Capt: Rouses estate.

Capt. Reid produced to us in writing the demands he made of Mr: Bruce Chief of Gombroone of Capt. Rouses Estate in his Hands, with his answer and reasons for detaining the same all wch. Papers with his Accounts, ordered to be sent to the Compa. on the first ship.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

TO THE HONBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQr.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNr. OF FORT
ST. GEORGE, &Ca. COUNCIL.

Srs.

We the subscribers being appointed by the Honble. Governour and Council to go on board Ship Colchester and survey her, and give our report under our Hands in what condition said ship we should find; In order to the same we did goe on board and at our first coming Pumpt her, and then left off, leaving nine Inches water, at which time had the Hour Glass turned, and when it was out sounded again, so that she increased in one hour, two and a halfe Inches.

Having so done then went down in the Hold wch. was pester'd in some places, but where could come to see, found the maine Beame &ca and knees firme and not any wayes started, after this went into the Powder Roome, and found her bows, and Hoodings firm also, but in the bread roome found a Leak which upon every descent of the ship the water gushed in which may be easily

stoped when the ship is light, and brought by the head, and 'tis our opinion 'tis the onely occasion of her making so much Water.

MATT: EMPSON.
JOHN MEVERELL.
GEORGE HERON.
WILLIAM HOW.
RICHARD PHRIP.
THOMAS PLUMBE.
ROBERT ATKINSON.
DANLL: WILLMAN.

FORT St: GEORGE, AUGUST THE 23D: 1703.

TO THE HONBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR:
GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST: GEORGE.

The Humble Petition of Coja Eadgar and Coja Gregoree Armenians in and on the behalfe of Coja Surhaad &ca Armenian Freighters of ship Colchestr humbly sheweth.

Whereas the said Coja Surhaad &ca Freighters having hyred Ship Colchester of the Honble. John Beard Esqr. &ca. Council of Bengall for Thirty eight Thousand Rupees from Bengall to Persia and from thence back to Madrass or Bengall, the said ship being according to Contract as actually in possession of said Freighters, as if she was in the Rt. Honble. Companys service. We your Honr. &ca. Council Humble Petitioners having received severall abuses (as appears by the annext) from Capt. Benjamin Rouse deceased, and Capt. Alexander Reid now being Comr. of said ship Colchester do with all submission Humbly lay down before your Honour &ca. Council the grievances of said Armenian Freighters of ship Colchester, hoping your Honr. &ca. would rectifie the said grievances, and yor. Honour &ca. humble Petitionrs. as in duty bound shall ever Pray.

FORT ST: GEORGE AUGT: 23D: 1703.

A CHARGE AGAINST CAPT. BENJAMIN ROUSE DECEASED AND CAPT. ALEXANDER REID COMRS. OF SHIP COLCHESTER IN THE BEHALFE OF COJA SURHAAD &CA. ARMENIAN FREIGHTERS OF SHIP COLCHESTER VIZT.

	Rs.
To Freight of severall gruff Goods &ca: Laden on board by Capt: Benjamin Rouse decd. above their priviledge Amounting to 35 Tons at 84rs ℔ Ton	2940
Advance on 2940 Rs. at 35 ℔ C the usuall Respondentia	1029
Extorted by Capt. Benjamin Rouse decd. for Wood and Water from ye. Armenians in their passage from Bengall to Persia ...	600
Ditto by Capt. Alexandr. Reid for the aforesaid priviledge from Persia to Fort St. George	500
Advance on said 500rs. at 10 ℔ C. as usuall	50
Rupees	5119

Ship Prince Charles belonging to the Danes sailed from Bengall.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

WEDNESDAY 25TH.

THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDT: & GOVERNOUR.
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS MARSHALL.
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS, *Sick.*

Lettere recd now read.

Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David dated the 18th: Inst. now read.

Appeard wt: Rouse had Loaded above priviledge. Agreed the same be adjusted going to Bengall. Armenians to receive freight for 20 Tons, & the Compa: to pay Capt Rouses part: & to be repaid in Persia.

The Armenians being before us to prove their Charge against Capt. Rouse, when it appear'd that the aforesaid Rouse had Loaded on the ship upwards of Forty Tons and his priviledge being but 13½ after a mature debate 'Twas Agreed that the deceased Commanders Estate, with the other officers who had Loaded more then their priviledge, which Account is to be adjusted by Capt. Reid and Mr. Walker in their Passage to Bengall, having not time to do it here. That the Armenians should be paid freight for Twenty Ton after the rate that they had paid freight for the whole ship. And whereas Capt Rouse has no effects on the ship to satisfie his part, 'Tis agreed that we write to Bengall to the President and Council to pay the same out of the Companys Cash, and that them and [us] advise thereof to the Chief of Gombroone to pay the same into the Companys Cash there out of Capt Rouses Estate.

Wt. Persia Goods go on the ship to Bengall pay no freight.

And whereas the Armenians hyred the ship for Persia and Bussera, but proceeded not to the latter, from whence she could not have returned this season; in consideration of which, and the ill usage they recd besides the ship being bound to Bengall; that notwithstanding the Armenians Contract is at an end here, of which we have made them sensible. 'Tis agreed that what Persian Goods they continue on board, and Persian Treasure with their Persons goes freight free for Bengall; hoping thereby to regain the Credit our Commanders have lately Lost by the ill usage of Freighters:

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS. MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

26TH Ship Pearle Coja Artoon Noquedah sailed for Malacca.

29TH Ship Colchester sailed for Bengall, by whom sent a Generall Letter to the President and Council at Fort William dated the 25th: Instant.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY 30TH

THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.
MR. FRANCIS ELLIS, *sick.*

Mr Atkins orderd Surgeon at Fort St. David.

We being advised that Mr. Royer Surgeon at Fort St. David is dead, and that there is great want of another 'Tis resolved that Mr. Charles Atkins be Entertained in that Employ and forewith sent by Land, and to have the salary of him deceased.

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Robert Ingram Surgeons Mate requesting to be discharged, agreed the same be granted him, and that Joseph Hall whom we procured out of the Colchester be Entertain[d] in his roome at Five Pag[s]. ℘ mensem.

Ingram discharged and Mr Hall Entertaind in his roome.

There being Two hundred Candy of Redwood offered to sale, agreed that the Warehousekeeper do buy the same at two and a quarter Pag[s]. ℘ Candy.

200 Ca redwood agreed to be bought at P. 2¼ ℘ Candy.

Agreed that one Thousand Pagodas be paid M[r]. John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Pa 1,000 order'd ye Paymr

Generall Letter to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S[t]. David dated this day now read and approved.

Lettr sent now read.

There being an Ingott of silver that was sold M[r]. Fleetwood which came out upon the Colchester in Chest N[o]. 122 Ingott 164 weighing lb. 39. oz. 11. Invoiced 5 dw[t]. better then standard, which Mr. Fleetwood sayes is 5 dw[t] worse, 'Tis ordered that the Assaymasters do assay the same and make the report under their Hands.

An Ingott [of Silver] ordered to be [assayed]

Ordered that John Watley be Entertain'd one of the Gunners Crew in this Garrison.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM[s]: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Received ℘ Pattamar via Metchlepatam a Packet from the Generall and Council of Surat dated 7[th]. July last.

SEPTEMB[R] pmo:

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ[R]: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.

THURSDAY 2[D]:

The Council being duely summoned.

Agreed that Fifty Pagodas be paid Manangapau being for six months Town Conicoplyes duty ending the ultimo July last.

Pa 50 order'd the Town Conicoply.

Generall Letter from the Generall and Council at Surat dated the 7[th]. July, and a Generall from the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam dated the 21[st]. August last both now read.

Lettrs: recd now read.

Resolved the Painters be advanced Three hundred seaventy five Pagodas, being so much agreed on for their second payment for painting 500 Peices Moorees as ℘ order of Consultation the 9[th]: of April last.

Pa 375 advanced the Painters.

William Gordon who was one of them who run away with sloop Expedition from York Fort delivers in a Petition the purport of which is, that he desires he may take his Tryall or be discharged, the consideration of which is referred to our next meeting.

Petition delivered in by William Gordon.

Cap[t]. Seaton and M[r]. Stratford were brought before us for duelling, who we sentence Viz[t]. That Cap[t]. Seaton in regard the Governour reposes more then an ordinary trust in him, and particularly enjoynes him to be very dilligent, and watchfull to suppress all caballs, commotions, insurrections and disorders in this Garrison, and he himself being now guilty of a Crime that tends thereunto,

Capt Seaton and Mr Stratford fined for duelling the former to pay 200 Pags: [the] latter [50 Pags:]

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being as farr as we can perceive the sole occasion thereof, 'Tis resolved that he payes into the R[t]: Honourable Companys Cash Two Hundred Pagodas, and give Five Hundred Pagodas security for his good behaviour for the future, and to remain confined till he complyes with the same. M[r]: Stratford to pay fifty Pagodas and give security as aforesaid.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Ship Chindauree Coja Janaroo Noquedah sail[d] for Pegu.

4 Received ℘ Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S[t]: David dat[d]: 2[d]: Instant.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

SATTURDAY 4TH:

THOMAS PITT ESQ[R]: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Mint Accot: for August read & P. 118: 32.

Thomas Pitt Esq[r.] as Mintmaster reads his Mint Account for the month of August last, and payes into the R[t.] Hon[ble.] Companys Cash One Hundred & eighteen Pagodas thirty two fanams.

Cash Accot: for August read.

Thomas Pitt Esq[r.] President reads his Account of the R[t.] Hon[ble.] Companys Cash for the month of August last Ballance Pagodas 6393: 10: 3.

THO: PITT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM[s]: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

5 Sloop Rauwooraum sailed for Pegue.

6 Ship Good Fortune Francis Holt Mast[r.] sail[d] for Pegue.

Ship Bomrepaum Coja Crewes Noquedah sail[d] for Pegue.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 9TH:

THOMAS PITT ESQ[R.] PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR.
MATTHEW EMPSON. THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
MESS[RS.] ELLIS AND MARSHALL, *sick.*

Tobacco Farmers payes Pa: 600.

Ponagette Narso &c[a.] Tobacco and Beetle farmers payes into the R[t.] Hon[ble.] Companys Cash Six hundred Pagodas on that Account.

Pa. 250 p[d]: nto Cash by the Arrac Farmers.

Gruapau &c[a.] Arrac Farmers payes into the R[t.] Hon[ble.] Companys Cash the sum̃e of Two Hundred and fifty Pag[s]: on that Account.

Report made of an Ingot of silver & ½ oz. to be sent home.

The Assaymasters gives in their report of the Ingot of Silver ordered to be essay'd the 30[th.] past, which Enterd after this Consultation, halfe an ounce of which Ingot agreed to be sent the Company with the aforesaid report by the first ship, and the other halfe ounce to remain in the Companys Cash Chest under their seal, & whereas the difference is oz. 21: 12 dwt. it is ordered that the Warehouse-keeper do pay M[r]: Fleetwood for the same as he bought it of the Company.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1702-03*——

The Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S[t]. David having wrote us for Physick and Factors Provissions it is ordered the same be sent them by boat bound thither this day. Factors Provissions orderd for Fort S[t]: David

M[r.] John Meverell Payes into the R[t]: Hon[ble.] Comp[a.] Cash Thirty six Pagod[s]: twelve fanams and fifty six Cash being for Town Conicoplyes Duty received at the Choultrey for 15 months ending ult[o.] March 1703. P. 36 : 12 : 56 pd : in Town Conicoplyes Duty.

Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort S[t.] David dated 2[d.] Instant now read. Letter recd : read.

M[r]: Matthew Empson Sea Customer payes into the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Companys Cash the sum̃e of Two thousand six hundred Pagodas on Account Sea Customs. P. 2600 pd : on Account Sea Customs.

THE FOLLOWING NOTE ORDERED TO BE PUT UP AT THE SEA GATE VIZ[t]. :—

These are to certifie that if any Merchants whatever will provide such Goods as the Companys sorts, of which they may have a view in the Warehouse to direct them as to finess, lengths and breadths (w[ch]: they are desired to keep up to) that the Governour & Council will buy up all such Goods for Account of the Comp[a.] with ready money, and if they can't agree the price with the Proprietors, he or they shall then be at liberty to sell 'em to whom they please. Note put on y[e]: Gates.

Whereas the Warehousekeeper acquainted us on the 30[th.] of past month, that there was Two Hundred Candy of Redwood to be bought, which we supposed was here in the Town, but now tells us it is at Kisnapatam which nevertheless we now order it be bought, and that the Warehousekeeper advances money for the same. Pags: 200 [money ?] to be advanced for redwood.

The Governour this day produced a Letter from M[r.] John Bulteel at Fort S[t.] David, who requests to be discharged the Companys service which is accordingly granted him, in regard he has been a long time very ill, and uncapable of business, and hopes by going to Sea to recover his health. Mr: Bulteel liberty to quitt the Comps: Service.

William Gordon having ever since December last been confin'd as a Person concerned in the confederacey for runing away with the Expedition sloop from the West Coast who has often Petitioned for his Tryall or discharge, and pleads that he had not been concerned therein but for procuring his Liberty which he was often refused by the Deputy Governour and Council of York Fort, when being so very sick and was confident had he remained longer there he must have dyed and sayes 'twas apparent that by their coming directly to this Port they had no Pyraticall design and no other end but purely as aforesaid to procure their liberty and did confess that their crimes therein were very great, and hop'd we would put a favourable construction on them. We considering of the before mentioned & believing that this Poor fellow was draw in by Doct[r]. Davis, besides what charged against them from the West Coast is onely by Affidavids; yet nevertheless wee are sensible that their own confession of their manner of coming away, is sufficient to bring them on their Tryall, and by the strictness of the Act they would certainly be condemned, but in regard that this man was never to our knowledge concerned in any Piraticall design, and has a Generall good character from those that know him at the West Coast, as all [. . .] severe usage there which induced them to this desporate undertaking, is confirm'd to us by sundry Persons from those parts, upon which consideration and his long imprisonment we have thought it reasonable to admitt him to Bail, giving Five hundred Pags[s]. security for his Person to be forethwith coming when we demainded. William Gordon releas[d] and why.

The Joint stock Merchants were sent for before us, when the Companys Debt was again demanded, w[ch]. Seraupau and two or three more did declare that they were willing to Pay their proportion thereof, and acknowledges that as they were Joint Stock Merch[ts]. they were security one for the other, but declared his disabillity of paying more then his proportion; but Iaupau Chittee, Ragga Chittee &c[a]. six in number seem very stubbern, and resolve to pay nothing, pretending Acco[ts]. with Serapau, which they were answered did not anywayes relate to their The Debt demanded of the Joint Stock Merchts. Serraupa willing to pay. 6 Chittees very stubbern and resolved to pay nothing.

Contract with the Company, besides it did appear to us by an Account produced by the President taken from their own Conicoplyes, who were present and Justifyed the same that they had received of the Companys money as they shared the Investment amongst themselves about Twenty thousand Pagod^s. more then what they had returned Goods into the Comp^s. Godowns, to which they answered that they had nothing to do with the sortment of the White Cloth, having made a private Contract with Serraupau for bringing in Brown to which we replyed if they did not speedily think of some way to pay the Companys debt by fair meanes they should be compelled by force.

Paymastr. Accot. for the moth. of July read.

M^r. John Meverell Paymaster reads his Paymasters Account Disbursements for the month of July Viz^t.

Charges Garrison...	Pa. 1,237 :	13
Charges Cattle	„ 29 :	6
Silk wormes	„ 12 :	20
Charges Extraordinary	„ 4 :	8
Charges Dyett	„ 365 :	18
Charges Generall	„ 346 :	22
Fortification and repairs	„ 177 :	11
	Pag^s. 2,172 :	26

THO. PITT.
M. EMPSON.
JOHN MEVERELL.

11TH. Dispatch'd ℔ Boat a Generall Letter to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S^t. David dated yesterday.

13TH. Received ℔ Boat a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S^t. David dated 10^th. Instant with Copy of their Diary & Consultations to the ult^o. August.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

TUESDAY 14TH.

THOMAS PITT ESQ^R. PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS WRIGHT. JOHN MEVERELL.
MESS^ES. ELLIS AND MARSHALL, *sick*.

Lettr. recd. read & one sent.

Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S^t. David dated the 10^th. Instant now read and a Letter in answere to the same read and approved.

Pa. 1,000 orderd y^e. Paymaster.

Agreed that one Thousand Pag^s. be paid M^r. John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Souldr. discharged.

Ordered that Stephen Coach Topaz be discharged from farther service in this Garrison.

Fort S^t. David Bill for P. 6000 order'd to be paid.

In the Fort S^t. David Generall dated 2^d. Instant advising of a Bill of Exchange drawn on this Presidency for Pag^s. six Thousand, which now being presented agreed the same be paid.

Iaupa Chittee &c^a. delivers a Pettition.

Iaupau Chittee &c^a. Merch^ts. of y^e. former Joint stock delivered in a Petition against Serapau &c^a. Copy of w^ch. is ordered to be delivered him to answere to the same.

THO: PITT.
M. EMPSON.
JOHN MEVERELL.

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In Chest N°. 122 Received ℘ Ship Colchester Ingot N°. 164 being Invoiced Better 5 dwt. stand. 40. 9. 16 (L) we have Assay'd the said Ingott, and find it to be 5 (dwt). worse then stand the difference being oz. 21. 12 (dwt).

FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPR. 6TH 1703. FRANCIS COOKE, JOHN COOKE } ASSAY MASTR.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQR. PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.
MESSRS. ELLIS AND MARSHALL, *sick*.

WEDNESDAY 15TH.

Ordered that John Sherband at his request be discharged from farther service in the Gunroome of this Garrison. a Gunner discharged.

Seraupau &ca. delivers in their answere to Iaupau Chittee &ca. Petition gave in yesterday, but both one and the other being stufft so full with lyes, it is very difficult to tell who is in the right. Seraupau &ca. answeres Iaupau Chittee Petition

Resolved that the Merchants be allowed to Monday next to make an end of their debt to the Rt. Honble. compy. and that no more Petitions shall be received from either syde. Mon[d]ay next & no longer given the Merchts to end their debt and no Petitions to be received.

THO: PITT.
[THOMAS WRIGHT]
M: EMPSON.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Sloop Expedition William Stone Master sailed for York Fort on the West Coast of Sumatra, by whom sent two Packets, one for Deputy Governour and Council of Bencoolen the other to the Chief and Council of Bantall both dated 13th. Instant. 15 Entd. by mistake.

Received ℘ Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam dated 22d. September, and a Generall from the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam dated 6th. Instant. 17

Received ℘ Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Deputy Govr. and Council of Fort St. David dated 14th. Instant with Copy of a Contract lately made with their Merchants for Pags. 50,000 of Calicoes. 18TH

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.
MATT: EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.
MESSRS: ELLIS AND WRIGHT, *sick*.

MONDAY 20TH.

Mr: John Affleck payes into the [. . .] the sume of Ten thousand eight Hundred [and fifty seaven pags] and five fanams, being for the freight [. . .] and Bussera as Agreed on with the [. . .] and Council of Bengall. [10857:] 5 pd. into [. . .] for freight of Colchestr: to Persia.

There having been frequent com[plaints] [. . .] [Go]vernour against William Deane [. . .]master of striking and abuseing [. . .] that he be turned out of that Employ and Mr. Arran Jones: [placed] in his roome, and that the aforesaid Deane be under the Secretary. removed [...] er the Pay [S]eorys: office.

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[—] Merchants sent for and [—] Debt again demanded.

Serapau &c[a]: Joint stock Merchants were this day before us, as appointed in a former Consultation, when again the Companys Debt was demanded who assured us of his readyness to comply as to his Proportion thereof, but Iaupau Chittee &c[a]: persisted in their refusing to pay any Part, who were presently dismiss't assuring them we would suddainly use proper meanes to comp[el] them thereto.

Investment proposed. Merchts: consider of it.

We had this day some new Merchants before us to whom wee proposed the [t]aking of an Investment who answered that they would consider of it amongst themselves, but by what we could observe there [seemd] averseness in them thereto.

Souldr: Entertained.

Ordered that Pauviet Rosairo Topaz be Entertained a souldier in this Garrison.

THO: PITT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM[s]: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

TUESDAY 21ST:

THOMAS PITT ESQ[R]: PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR.
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.
MESS[RS]: ELLIS AND WRIGHT, *sick.*

[A] Third Bill of exchange for 10305 rups: be given ye: Buxee.

The Kings Buxee of the Cornatta Country having on the 11[th]: November 1702 importuned us very much for a bill of Exchange to Persia for 10,305 Rupees which was granted for the reasons then mentioned. One of which Bills sent by his servant overland to Surat ordering them thence to Persia, but not hearing of their arrivall at Surat beleives they have mett with some misfortune, so desi[re] of us a Third Bill which is accordingly Granted; And ordered that the Secretary draw out the same.

[Letters] sent read.

Generall Letters to the President and Council of Fort William in Bengall dated the 16[th]: Instant, and to the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam dated this day now read and approved.

The President does now produce to the Council [a] Letter he lately received from M[r.] Samuel Nelthorp at Fort S[t.] David wherein he desires leave to come hither in [. .] for his going to England by the first ship, by reason he has got a consumption which makes him altogether unable for writing business, or any other employ in the R[t.] Hon[ble.] Companys service. Agreed that his request be granted him, and that We advise the same in our next Generall thither.

THO: PITT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM[s]: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

25TH:

Dispatchd ℘ Pattamar a Generall Letter to the [Deputy] Governour and Council of Fort S[t.] David dated y[s]. d[ay].

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR. FRYDAY 24TH:
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.
MESS^{RS}: ELLIS AND WRIGHT, *sick.*

Generall Letters to the Deputy Governour and Council York Fort and to the Chief and Council of Bantall, dated yesterday now read and approved. [Letters] sent read.

M^{r}: Matthew Empson Sea Customer reads his Sea Custom Account for the months of July and August Viz^{t}:— Sea Custom Acco^{t}. for July and August read.

To Custom on Goods Imported & Exported ...	P:	2,298: 8: 6:
To Ditto on Grain	„	27: 26: 16:
To Anchorage	„	26: 18: —:
To Tunnage	„	38: 32: —:
	Pag^{s}:	2,391: 12: 22;

To Custom on Goods Imported & exported ...	P:	2033: 18: 74:
To Ditto on Grain	„	48: 24: 40:
To Anchorage	„	43: 18: =:
To Tunnage	„	16: 24: =:
To Freight ℘ Mary Bowyear for Bengall	„	11: 19: 14:
	Pag^{s}:	2,153: 33: 46:

Cap^{t}: Seaton delivering in a petition setting forth his contrition for his offence, for which he was find Two Hundred Pagodas, and prayes that we would remitt the same, w$^{ch.}$ in consideration of his great charge of Children, and his promisses of his not doing the like is granted him, and ordered that the Secretary do returne him the same. [Capt: Seaton] repayd [Fine] of P. 200.

THO: PITT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM^{S}: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Briggantine Commence Nicholas Audney Master arrived in this road from Bengall. 25TH.

Ketch Abidnigo William Stone Master arrived in this Road from Bengall, by whom received a Generall Letter from the President and Council there dated 21st. past. 26

Sloop Greyhound Samuel Butcher Master arrived from Bengall, by whom received a Generall Letter from the President and Council there dated 30$^{th.}$ past month. 27

The following order was signed by the Govern$^{r.}$ & Council.

Ketch Abednigo William Stone Master arrived yesterday in this road, as did also Sloop Greyhound this morning, on whom the President and Council [there] have Freighted Four Hundred and fifty bags of Salt Petre. Ordered that the Warehousekeeper doe immediatly unload the same.

THOMAS PITT.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Ship Dolphin Thomas Plumbe Master sailed for Bengall by whom sent a Generall Letter to President and Council there dated 16$^{th.}$ and 27$^{th.}$ Instant. 28TH:

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29TH: Received ℣ Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St: David [dated] 24th: Instant.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

WEDNESDAY 29TH:

THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.
MESSRS: ELLIS AND WRIGHT, *sick*.

Generall Letters recd: and sent now read.

Generall Letters to the Generall and Council at Surat, to the Agent and Council of Persia to the Chief and Council of Gombroone to the Deputy Governour and Council of Bombay, and farther Additions to the West Coast Letters all now read and approved, and Two Generalls from the President and Council of Fort William in Bengall dated 21st: and 30th: August both now read.

P. 260 pd: into cash [. . .] Black Town Wall.

Mr: John Meverell payes into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash the sume of Two Hundred and sixty Pagodas on [Acct. of] moneys paid in by the Inhabitants towards building the Black Town Wall and Works.

Pa. 1,000 ordered the Paymaster.

Agreed that one Thousand Pagodas be paid Mr: John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Since writing our Letters to the Deputy Governour and Council of York Fort and Chief and Council at Bantall, we being thorowly informed that Bantall is the most considerablest to the Company on that Coast for Pepper, and capable of great improvement, and [that it] is the Companys Interest their Chief there should [bean] experi[enced] man in the Customs of the People, and one who knowes how to take propper methods for promoting the Companys, and we believing from our experience as well as from all reports that Mr: Nathaniel Eyton is duely qualifyed for that employ, who laid down the Chiefship there for no other reason than being made uneasy by the insolent behaviour of Two of his Council Kinsly and Scott, who we have by our orders thither removed, which should have been done before by the Deputy Governour and Council of Bencoolen but instead thereof they sent Mr: Edmond Bagden (wholy unexperienced in the Affaires of that Country) Chief of that Place when they could not but know Mr: Eyton did speedily intend [. . .] it, and not remaine second. To prevent which we think it the Companys Interest to reinstate Mr: Eyton in the Chiefship and Mr: Bugden to be second, or to returne to his Post at Bencoolen and then Mr: Vernon to be second but if Mr: Bugden remaines as second Mr: Vernon to bee Third in Council, and accordingly Letters are to be wrote to this effect.

Settlement of ye. Council at Bantall.

THO: PITT.
M. EMPSON.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

OCTOBER THURSDAY ..mo.

THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.
MESSRS. ELLIS AND WRIGHT, *sick*.

Letters signed.

The severall Generalls read on the 27th. of past month were this day signed, and a Letter to Bantall dated 30th. past for the reinstatement of Mr. Nathaniel Eyton into that Chiefship.

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The President payes into the Rt. Honble. Companys Cash the sume One Hundred and Nine Pagodas, and Twenty nine fanams for which Bill to be given on the Generall and Council of Surat for Rupees 366. 14ans. 7ps. payable to Mr. Timothy Evans at 335 Rupees ₱ 100 Pagodas.

Pa 109. 29 pd. in by ye. President for wch. bills to be given.

THO. PITT.
M. EMPSON.
THOMs. MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Received ₱ Pattamars a Generall Letter from [the] Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David the 27th. past month.

Received ₱ Pattamars a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David dated 29th. past. 2

Dispatched ₱ Pattamars a Generall Letter to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David dated this day. 2D

Commence Briggantine Nicholas Audney Master sailed out of this road for Anjengo. 5

Ship Charlton Capt. Armiger Gostlin Commander sail'd out of this road for the Coast of India, Bombay, Surat, and Persia by whom sent the following Packets, Vizt. 6

To the Generall & Council at Surat dated 27th. Septembr. 1703.
To the Deputy Governr. and Council at Bombay Do. Date.
To the Agent and Council at Ispahawn Ditto date.
To the Chief and Council at Gombroone ditto date.

Briggantine Adventure Henry Wyat Master sailed out of this road for the West Coast of Sumatra by whom sent the following Packets Vizt.

To the Deputy Governr. &ca. Council at York Fort datd. 23 & 27 past.
To the Chief and Council of Bantall dated 23rd : & 30th :. Ditto.

AT A CONSULTATION.

Present

[THURS-] DAY 7TH.

THOMAS PITT ESQR : PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
MATT : EMPSON. JOHN MEVERELL.
MESSRS. ELLIS AND WRIGHT, *sick*.

Thomas Pitt Esqr. President reads his Account of Rt. Honble. Companys Cash for the month of September [Ballance] is Pagodas [12] [. . .]

[ACCT. FOR] Septemr.

Thomas Pitt Esqr. as Mintmaster reads his Mint Accot : for the month of September, and payes into the Rt. Honble. Companys Cash One Hundred ninety-three Pagodas, four fanams and forty Cash, for Custom of Gold coined in the Mint.

Mint Accot. for Sepr. read, and P: 193 : 4 : 40 on that Accont.

Agreed that the Wine Licence for one Year, comencing 30th : September last, be Lett to Mr. Joshua Page at Two Hundred twenty five Pagodas, and accordingly the Secretary is ordered to give notice thereof by a Note put up at the Sea Gate, and that he also drawes out a Lease for the same.

Wine Licence for 1 year Lett to Jos. Page.

Ordered that Diago Tragrada, Antonio Burjus, Nicholas Le Grand, Yellis Le Blond, Domingo de Rosairo, Dique and a Coffrey be Entertain'd Souldiers in ye : Garrison and Thomas Crainy of the Gunroome Crew.

Souldiers 6 and a Gunner Entertain'd.

Mr : Matthew Empson Sea Customer payes into ye. Rt. Hon ble. Companys Cash the sume of Two thousand Pagodas on Account Sea Customs.

P : 2000 pd : on Accot : Sea Custom.

Mr : Joseph Hiller Provissionall Storekeeper read his storekeepers Account for the month of August and September, and payes into the Rt : Honble : Companys Cash the sume of Six hundred and Fifty Pagodas on Accot : of Stores sold.

Storekeepers Accot : [for] August & Sepr : read. Pa 650 Pa[id]

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1000 orderd: ye. Paymr.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid Mr: John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Accot. salary ordered to be drawn out.

Ordered that the Accomptant draws out the Account of the last halfe yeares salary due to the Rt: Honble: Companys Servants in this Place.

Stratford fine remitted.

Mr: Stratford being concerned in the quarrell with Capt: Seaton, Petition'd also for his Fine to be remitted.

Draught ordered to be bought.

The Governour having formerly bought a sett of draught at Outcry which cost him Twenty Pagodas, and one of the Masters of the Companys Vessells wanting one for the West Coast out of which he was supplyed; 'Tis Agreed that the Company take the remainder and Pay twenty Pagodas as they all Cost, and the Draughts delivered into the Secretarys Office.

Dolls: 60 to be paid Petre Wallis out of the Padres bill and the remainder to be payd to those who had a power to demand.

There being a Bill of Exchange drawn on us by the Deputy Governour and Council of York Fort payable to Padre free Antonio for 350 Dollars which Bill being indorsed to Petre Wallis by the Padre who dyed in his passage, said Wallis acknowledging that there is but sixty Dollars due to him out of the Bill and desires the same may be paid, which is accordingly agreed to, and the bill remain with the Secretary for the remainder to be paid to those who have a power to demand the same.

Mr: Fraser examined [about] Mockdum Ninos [. . .] to ye Company. [how] it arose [wrote] to Ft: St: David

Mr. Fraser was sent for before us when we desired to know what was the meaning of Mockdum Ninos demand (an Inhabitant of Cuddalore) of 1700 Pagodas which he pretend he spent in a Present to Nabob Dowed Cawn and the[Dues] in Mr: Fraser's time in the Year 1701 whereas upon his[and] his Councils intercession we permitted him hence to go to the Nabob, and limited him to the expence of Two or Three hundred Pagodas or thereabouts which besides the sume demanded was spent; Mr. Fraser answered that he could not charge his memory with the particulars, but refered to the Consultations and Letters of that time which confirmes what before mentioned; so that it is re[solved] that we write to Fort St: David an order that Mo[cdum Nino be] askt what is the reason he did not demand as soon as he returned from the Camp, or that being so near to Fort St: David as a dayes Journey why he did not advice thereof to the Deputy Governour and Councill there, before he gave that Present in the Comps. name being limited in his directions thence not to exceed Three hundred Pagodas or thereabouts, and whereas we are informed that Mockdum Nino has done the Compy. good services in promoting their Interest in the Towns of Tevenapatam and Cuddaloor: 'Tis desired that the Deputy Governour and Council there innumerate ye same to us, and give their opinion whether they do not believe that it is poverty induces him to make this demand.

good services Mockdm. has done the Compa. Depy. Govr &c. ordered to innumerate ym.

THO: PITT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMs: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

9TH

Sloop Expedition John Cornelius Master arrived in this road from Bengall Loaden with Petre &ca on the Rt: Honble: Companys Account, by whom we received a General Letter from the Governour and Council of Fort William in Bengall with Copy of their Letter to Sr. Edward Littleton and Council demanding Woolston with Sr Edwards &ca scurrilous and [sc]andilous answer with the Governours &ca reply.

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AT A CONSULTATION

SATURDAY 9TH

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ[R] : PRESIDENT & GOVERN[R] :
MATT : EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
MESS[RS.] ELLIS AND WRIGHT, *sick*.

Generall Letter from the President and Council of Bengall dated 9[th] : and 13[th]: September last, with copy of a Letter of the President and Council at Fort William to S[r] Edward Littleton and Council demanding Woolston with Copy of S[r] : Edward Littletons and Councils scurrilous and scandilous answere with the Governour & Council of Fort William reply thereto—Generall from M[rs]. Tillard at Metchlepatam dated 27[th], September from Vizagapatam dated primo Instant were all now read. Severall Letters received read.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper do unload Two Hundred and fifty bags of Salt Petre, Gunnys &c[a] on board sloop Expedition this day arrived from Bengall as allso that he Loads on board her twenty Candy of Redwood if she can take it in for the West Coast. 250 bags Salt Petre from y[e] Expedition. 20 Ca redwood to [be] loaded on her &

Agreed that M[r] William Stone be Entertaine'd [Master] of sloop Expedition, who is to be dispatch'd forthwith [to the] West Coast with 150 bags of Petre and what stores [she] take in. Master Entd for y[e] sloop bags Petre ordered for West Coast.

M[r] Richard Hunt Provissionall Land Customer reads his Land Customers Account for the months of July, August, and September, Viz[t]. Land Custom Acco[t] for month of July Aug[t] and Septem[r] read, &

JULY				
Choultrey Custom	Pags:	199 :	21 :	64
Town broakers	„	53 :	27 :	27
Rubie broakers	„	33 :	24 :	13
Registring slaves	„	= :	32 :	=
	Pag :	287 :	33 :	25
AUGUST				
Choultrey Custom	Pa :	200 :	17 :	44
Rubie broakers		29 :	18 :	14
Town broakers		35 :	13 :	3
Cutt Grass		7 :	0 :	0
Registring slaves		1 :	4 :	0
	Pa :	273 :	16 :	61
SEPTEMBER				
Choultrey Custom		185 :	6 :	8
Rubie broakers		32 :	10 :	40
Town broakers		2 :	17 :	15
Registring slaves		0 :	24 :	0
	Pa :	220 :	21 :	63

and payes into the R[t] : Hon[ble] : Companys Cash Eight Hundred and six Pagodas on that Account. Pa: 806 p[d]. in on that account.

Ordered that the following stores be sent to the West Coast Viz[t] : Stores to be sent to y[e] : West Coast.

Cordage from ratling to 8 Inches 2 Quoils of each.
Bengall Canvas 20 bolts.
Twine two Candy.
Palmes and saile needles 100.
Iron Europe 5 Candy.
Nailes of all sorts 4 barrells.

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Firelockmuskets with boynets 50 swords and belts 40.
Cartouch boxes 50.
Persia Trust Vizt: 1 Chest reisons 1 Chest Kismasses 10 maunds Almonds 2 Chest rosewater
Pitch 2 barrells.
Pump nailes 2000.
Scupper nailes 2000.
Pump leather 2 casks.
Wheat 20 baggs.
Powder Country 15 Candy and six barrels Europe.
Copper Cash what coin'd.
Salt Pork 5 Casks.
Medicines 2 small Chests.

THO: PITT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMs: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY 11TH:

THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNR:
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.
MESSRS: ELLIS AND WRIGHT, *sick*.

Arrac Farmers pay in Pags: 300.

Gruapau &ca. Arrac Farmers payes into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Three Hundred Pags. on yt. [Account].

Pa: 600 pd: in by the Beetle farmers.

Ponagette Narso &ca. Tobacco and Beetle farmers payes into the Rt. Honble. Companys Cash Six hundred Pagodas on that Account.

Snraupau &ca: debt demanded. Iapau Chittee &ca: averst to paying the debt. the former willing to pay his proportion. Seraupaus confinement a great prejudice to ye: Comps: affairs & why Proposalls made by the President & Council.

Serapau &ca. Joint stock Merchants were this day before us when the Companys debt was again demanded, when after a long debate between Seraupau &ca: and Iaupau Chittee &ca. the later being wholy aversed to pay the Companys Debt, but Seraupau offering for himself and two or three more their proportion for which he would give security, as also for their Persons, to which the President answered them that there was no Proportions in a Joint Stock, but ordering them to put in writing what they had to say on that subject to which we would give our speedy answere Serapau farther urged that his present confinement had so much prejudiced his Credit in the Country that it hindred the bringing in the Goods to finish the last Contract; To put an end to these disputes between the Merchants which very much obstructs the Companys Affaires, and hinders the present Investments that are necessary to bee made at this time, 'twas proposed by the President and Council that all concerned in the Debt should Jointly and severally give security for the same, after which they should be sett at liberty wch: if they would referr the adjustment of their Accounts to the President and Council that we would sitt night and day to finish the same; Seraupau and his Partners readily acquiest thereto, but Iaupau Chitte &ca. would agree to nothing that was proposed towards payment of the Debt.

THO: PITT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMs: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

13. Received ℘ Pattamars a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David, dated 8th. July advising of their having concluded the Contract for 50,000.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ^R: PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R:
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.
MESS^RS: ELLIS AND WRIGHT, *sick*.

THURSDAY 14TH:

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper do Load on board Expedition [. . .] of Petre being the number [. . .] her voyage from Bengall. [* * *] der'd on board.

Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S^t: David dated 8^th: Instant now read. Letter rec^d: read.

Generall Letters to the Deputy Governour & Council of York Fort, and to the Chief and Council of Bantall both dated yesterday; with the Dispatch to the Commander of sloop Expedition all now read and approved. Letters sent read.

M^r. John Meverell Paymaster reads his Paymaster's Account for the month of August last Viz^t: Paymast^r: Acco^t: for August read.

Charges Garrison	Pa.	1181 : 21
Charges Cattle		46 : 27
Silk Wormes		11 : 34
Fort S^t: David		6 : 30
Charges Extraordinary		3 : 16
Charges Dyett		292 : 10
Charges Generall		341 : 17
Account Presents		34 : ...
Black Stone		30 : ...
Fortifications and repairs		209 : 4
	Pa:	2157 : 15

Agreed that Five Hundred Pagodas be paid M^r. John Meverell Paymaster towards building the Black Town Wall and Works. [500 Pags:] order'd for ye. [Town Wall.]

THO: PITT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM^S: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Sloop Expedition William Stone Master sailed for the York Fort on the West Coast of Sumatra by whom sent Two Packets one for the Deputy Governour and Council of York Fort the other to the Chief and Council of Bantall both dated 13^th. Instant. 14TH.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ^R: PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R:
MATT. EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
MESS^RS: ELLIS AND WRIGHT, *sick*.

MONDAY 18TH:

Generall Letters from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S^t: David dated the 14^th. Instant advising of their having made a Contract with their Merchants for 50,000 Pag^s. from the Chief and Council of [. . .] dated 22^d: September last, from the Chief and Council Metchlepatam dated 6^th: Instant all now read, an answere to S^r: Edward Littletons &c^a. s[candilous] and scurrilous Letter to the President and Council at Fort William now read and approved. Lett^rs: rec^d: read.

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Vizagap$^{m.}$ Bill for 14,000

In the Vizagapatam Generall now read [. . .] of a Bill of Exchange drawn on this Presidency [for] Fourteen thousand Rupees, payable to the [. . .] Agreed the same be paid by the Warehousekeeper Madrass Rupees as the Bill mentions; or in Pagodas as they now sell.

P. 300 to be paid for a Metchlepatam Bill. 11300 to be pd. for a Bill.

Agreed that Three Hundred and fifty Pagodas be paid out of Cash, being for a Bill of Exchange drawn on this Presidency by the Chief and Council of Metchlep$^{m.}$ as also the Bills for Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Pagodas drawn by the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort S$^{t.}$ David, as advised of in their Generall Letter dated 14$^{th.}$ Instant.

The Accomptant now producing the Account of the last halfe Yeares salary due to the R$^{t.}$ Hon$^{ble.}$ Companys servants in this Place Amounting to Pagodas 1084 : 6 : 2 agreed the same be paid.

Tho : Pitt.
Thom^{s} : Marshall.
John Meverell.

Received ℘ Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Dep^{ty}: Governour and Council of Fort S$^{t.}$ David dated 14 Ins$^{t.}$ with Copy of their Contract for 50,000 Pag$^{s.}$ Callicoes.

At a Consultation

Present

Thursday 21st:

Thomas Pitt Esq^{r}: Presid^{t}: & Governour.
Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson. Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.
M$^{r.}$ Francis Ellis, *sick.*

Letters sent read.

Generall Letter to the President and Council at Fort William Bengall dated the 8th: and 19th: Instant to the Chief and Councils of Vizagapatam and Metchlepatam [both] dated this day now read and approved.

Merchts: Goods prized and taken in &

The President and Council on the 11th: of past month [were] at the sorting Godown where they open'd and prized the following Goods belonging to the old Contract.

Orumgul Betteelas 5 Bales each Bale containing 5 Corge at Pag^{s}: 40 ℘ Corge	Pa	1,000	[:—:—:]
Betteelaes 50 Cov^{ds}. N^{o}. 3. 10. Bales at 4 Corge ℘ Bale each Corge Pa. 40	„	1,600	[:—:—:]
Ditto 40 Cov^{ds}. N^{o}. 3. 1[illegible]. Bales at 4 Corge ℘ Bale at 34 Pag^{s}. ℘ Corge	„	1,360 :	[:—:—:
	Pag^{s}.	3,960 :	[:—:—:]

if not fit for Europe markets to be put to outcry.

and there being a great quantity of severall [. . .] in the [. . .] [sort] ing and Brown Godown [. . .] were then ordered to be taken in and whatremain'd not fit for the Europe markets be put up to Publick sale, w^{n}: ships are arrived, and the Amount thereof to be paid into the Companys Cash.

Pa. 27. 27. 70 Ballce Capt: Wyatt Estate. ordered Mr. Finch receive the same.

The Paymaster produces an Account Currant of Cap^{t}: Wyat deceased Estate Ballance Pagod^{s}. 27. 27. 70 ordered that the same, be paid M^{r}. William Finch, the said Cap^{t}: Wyat being Indebted to him Pag^{s}: 100.

Warehouse Acco$^{t.}$ for August read

M^{r}. Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper reads his Warehouse Account for the month of August last, & Payes into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}. Companys Cash Four Thousand Pag^{s}. on Account Goods sold.

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The Warehousekeeper reports that Rupees are at 330 ℘ 100 Pagodas Agreed that the Vizagapatam Bill of Exchange for 14,000 Rupees be paid out of Cash at the above price.

Mr. Trewen &ca. having of late wrote us from Metchlepatam that the prizes of white Goods are considerably fallen which has incouraged the Dutch to buy great quantitys thereof, and beleives they may be brought att the old Prizes or thereabouts, and we fearing we may want for the Chambers Frigats Cargoe, besides if we can now make a small Contract of Ten thousand Pagodas at the old prizes it may be a good precedent for the future for which reason 'tis agreed that a Letter be writt to Mr. Trewen &ca. Council to make a Contract for ye aforesaid sum̃e in ordinary Long cloth & Sallampores.

THO : PITT.
THOMS : MARSHALL.
THOS : WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Dispatch'd ℘ Pattamars the following Generalls Vizt. 23

To the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam

To the Chief and Council at Vizagapm. both datd. 19th. Instant.

To the President and Council at Fort William in Bengall dated 8th. and 20th. Instant.

To Sr. Edward Littleton &ca. Council at Hugly dated 18th. Instant in answere to their scandilous and scurrilous Letter to the President and Council at Fort William.

Sloop Ganjees Thomas Morris Master arrived in [this] Road from Bengall. 24TH

Three ships appeared in the Offing, and arrived [. . .] in the afternoon sailed by this Port, but [- - -] which makes us beleive they are French ships [bound] to Pollicherry.

This morning came here the French Major [. . .] with a Letter from the Governour there [. . .] desiring the delivery of two men that were [. . .] deserted their Garrison for whom he had sent [. . .] 25

About five this evening the French Major took [. . .] of the Governour to returne to Pollicherry and [. . .] with him the two men that deserted that Garrison. 26

Ship Pattedoolat Hidaree Mahomud Esaph Noquedah arrived in this road from Gallee being bound to Bengall but lost her Passage. 27

About twelve at noone the Governour had advice by Travelling Peons that there was arrived two French ships with a Prize at Pollicherry, and at eight at night the French Padre received a Packet from [. . .] confirmed it and that the prize ship did [. . .] at Cuddaloor. 30

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

TUESDAY 2D.

THOMAS PITT ESQR : PRESIDENT AND GOVERNR :
MATT : EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL. JOHN MEVERELL.
MESSRS. ELLIS AND WRIGHT, *sick*.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid Mr : Jno : Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison. Pa. 1,000 ordered ye Payr.

Mr. John Meverell Paymaster reads his Paymasters Account for the month of September last Vizt: Paymastrs : Accot for Sepr. read.

Charges Garrison	Pa.	1247 :	32
Charges Cattle	,,	48 :	14
Silk Wormes	,,	11 :	7

Charges Extraordinary	Pa.	1 :	16
Charges Merchandize	"		18
Charges Dyett	"	451 :	23
Charges Generall	"	373 :	34
Factors Provisions	"	6 :	2
Account Presents	"	4 :	9
Fortification and repairs	"	150 :	30
	Pa.	2296 :	5

Sea Customers Accot. for September read.

Mr. Matthew Empson Sea Customer reads his Sea Custom Account for the month of September last Vizt :

Custom on Goods imported and Exported	Pa.	1027 :	9 :	68
Custom on Graine	"	161 :	25 :	4
To Anchorage	"	55 :	...	...
To Tonnage	"	22 :	8 :	...
	Pa.	1266 :	6 :	72

[P. 1,000] pd in on that Account.

and payes into the Rt. Honourable Companys Cash One Thousand Pagodas on Account [Sea Customs]

Letter sent read.

Generall Letter to the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort St: David dated yesterday now read and approv'd.

Hoggs 300 ordered to be bought up to salt.

Being under some apprehensions of troubles from the Government 'Tis ordered that the Steward buy in at times Three Hundred Hoggs, and feed them so yt. they may be fit to kill, and salt up during the coole weather, for the service of the Garrison.

A Gunnor Entertained.

Ordered that Henry George Topaz be Entertain'd one of the Gunners Crew in this Garrison.

New Townes threatened to be taken.

Wall round the choultry at Egmore to be built.

The Governour received advices this day from the Nabobs Camp that there was orders given out [to]the Phousdar of Trepossore to raise fforces to come & seize our Townes, which we are resolved to defend, & in order thereto; 'Tis agreed that the Paymaster forthwith run up a brick Wall round the Choultry att Egmore, in such manner as the Governour shall direct, to Lodge such Forces as we shall send on all occasions to defend the Place and when the Wall is done, to pull down the present Choultry which is thatch'd and ready to tumble, and to build a commodious one for that purpose.

Peddenaigues Cowle rectified.

There being some mistakes in the Peddenaigues Cowle to his prejudice of which he has often complained, and upon examination of the Choultry Entryes 'tis found to be so; 'Tis therefore Ordered that the [. . .] Draw's out a New Cowle and rectify those [. . .] the Dutyes of that Office may be Collected according to the Ancient Custom of the Place.

THO : PITT.
THOMs : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

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Present

FRIDAY 5.

THOMAS PITT ESQR : PRESIDENT & GOVERNR :
MATT : EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Cash Accot. for Octobr.

Mint Accot. for Octobr. & P. 83 : 21 : pd.: in yt.: Account.

Thomas Pitt Esqr : President reads his Account of the Rt : Honble : Companys Cash for the month of October Bills Pagods : 7060 : 5 : 1 and also reads his Mint Account for the month of October and payes into the Rt : Honble : Comps : Cash Eighty three Pagodas twenty one fanams of Gold coined in the Mint.

Pags. 1,000 orderd. the Paymaster.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid Mr. John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

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Generall Letter to the Rt. Honble. Company, to the Honble. the 24 Mannagers, to the Generall and Council at Surat, to the Chiefs and Councils of Metchlepatam and Vizagapatam and to the President and Council of Fort William in Bengall all dated the 4th. Instant now read and approved. **Letter to the old Company & Mannagers and severall other Letters now read.**

Ordered that Nicholas demount and John de Souza Topazes be Entertaind Souldiers in this Garrison. **2 Souldiers Entertaind.**

THO: PITT.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Received ℣ Pattamars a Generall Letter from the Gen[eral] and Council at Surat dated 6th. August last.

Dispatch'd ℣ Pattamars the following Generall Vizt. **6TH**

To the Chief and Council of Metchlepm. datd. 4th. Novr. 17.
To the Chief and Council of Vizagapatm. Ditto date.
To the President and Council at Fort William in Bengall dated 4th: November 1703.

Dispatch'd ℣ Pattamars the following Letters Vizt. **8TH**

To the Rt. Honble. Company dated 4th. November 1703.
To the Honble. the 24 Mannagers dated 5th. Ditto.
To the Commodore & Council of Anjengo datd. 6th. Inst.
To the Generall & Council at Surat datd. 4th. Ditto.
To the Chief and Council at Gombroone datd. 5th. Novr. 1703.

Received ℣ Pattamar a Generall Letter from the Depty. Governour and Council at Fort St. David dated 9th. Inst. **13TH**

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQR. PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.
FRANOIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT. EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

FRIDAY [MONDAY?] 15TH

Ponagettee Narso &ca. Tobacco and Beetle Farmers payes into the Rt. Honble. Companys Cash six hundred Pags. on that Account. **Pa: 600 pd: in by the Tobacco farmers.**

Gruapau &ca. Arrac Farmers payes into the Rt. Honble. Companys Cash the sume of Three hundred Pagodas on that Account. **[Pa: 300] pd: in by Arrac Farmers.**

John Cornelius late Master of Sloop Expedition payes into the Rt: Honble. Companys Cash the sume of Twenty one Pagodas as being so much returned back out of the Imprest he received in Bengall as Master of the aforesaid sloop he serving in her no longer[than] One month and a halfe. **Pa. 21 pd: in by ye: Mastrs: Expedition sloop.**

Mr. Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper reads his Warehouse Account for the months of August, September and October last. **Warehouse Accot: for Augt: Sepr: and October read.**

Mr. Matthew Empson Sea Customer reads his Sea Custom Account for the month of October last Vizt. **Sea Custom Accot: for Octr: read.**

To Custom on Goods imported & exported	Pa:	1265:	31:	8
To Ditto on Grain	„	228:	6:	8
To Anchorage	„	36:	...:	...
To Tonnage	„	12:	18:	...
	Pags:	1542:	19:	16

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Letter from Fort St: David read & Bill thence for P. 120 order'd to be paid.

Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David dated 9th. Instant now read, advising of their having drawn a Bill of Exchange on this Presidency for One Hundred and Twenty Pagodas payable to Willm. Dean Agreed the same be paid.

Storekeeprs. Accot. for Octr.

Mr. Joseph Hiller Provissionall Storekeeper read his Storekeeper Account for the month of October last.

Letter recd. read.

The Letter from the Phousdar of Trepassore to the Governour demanding our Townes, both now read are Entered after this Consultation.

Souldier Entertaind.

Ordered that Francisco De Gaire be Entertaind [a] Souldier in this Garrison.

1000 orderd the Paymaster.

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid Mr. John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Seraupau &ca Petition.

Seraupau &ca delivers us a Paper to the President and Council, as Enter'd after this Consultation the consideration of which is referred to our next meeting.

Surat Bill for 1000 Rupees agreed to be p .

The Generall and Council at Surat in their Letter dated 6th. August 1703 advise us of their having drawn a Bill of Exchange on this Presidency for One Thousand Rupees payable to Mahomud Busseet, and further request our Paying Five Hundred Rupees more to him if he desired, which he now do[es]. Agreed yt: both sums be paid at 344¾ ℔ Pags. 100.

Tho: Pitt.
Tho: Wright.
Thoms: Marshall.
John Meverell.

Translate of a Letter from Tahir Cawn, Phousdar of Tripposore recd. November 13th. 1703.

I wish your Honour all health; About Three months past, I received orders from Cawn Bahauder to take possession of those Villages you have which are under the Pullamollee Country, I was loth to acquaint You of this unwellcome newes, by reason of our friendship, but fresh orders are arrived to the Duan, and myself, and your Honour is sensible that the servant must obey his Masters orders, so that can deferr it no longer, the occasion of my sending you this is to let you understand that if You will send one of the Vackeels to me my friendship shall not be wanting to accommodate the matter, I hope to your satisfaction, what can I write more.

To Tahir Cawn Phousdar
of Tripposore November 15th. 1703.

I received your Letter and observe the Contents, and can only returne this answere; the Townes you mention were given us by Assid Cawn the Grand Vizier (whose Pirwanna we have) in consideration of the good services we had done your King, which was much to the satisfaction of Cawn Bux and Cawn Bahawdar who afterwards gave order for the delivering of them to us; when we thought it had been in this Country as in all other parts of the world that whatever the Grand Visseer granted the King allwayes made it Good, or what relyance can there be on the favour of such great mens Perwannas, I esteem'd you alwayes as you write yourself our Friend, and am sorry you are Commanded to execute such unjust orders [. .] will occasion noe less then a difference between the [two] Nations, who is the aggressour let the Great God judge, our Vackeel is sick if you send one hither, I will immediately give my answere to what he shall propose.

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affaires of the Rt.
Honble. English East India Compa.
on the Coast of Choromandell and Governr
of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

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Some time since when we Checca Seraupau, Naira Verona &c[a]., were before your Hon[r]. &c[a]. we address'd for leave to make proposalls for the Payment of our proportion of the Companys debt, and to obtain our inlargement, thereby to enable us to clear the last Contract, of which there is a great sum̃e standing out which so long as we are confin'd will never be brought in nor shall we be able to get in our stock now abroad for w[ch]. we pay a high Interest, besides the great charges we are at for Factors &c[a]. in the Country.

'Tis no small misfortune to us that we have been joyued with those who have workd our ruine, but tho' we have lost our money by them, we hope we shall by our endeavours preserve our Credit. As for what money they received for those Contracts they were engaged with us we have their receipts for every Cash of it, aud for w[t]. Goods they have brought in, it pleanly appears by the Account of the Godowns, and our Conicoplyes. And whereas they averr'd they made a Contract with Surapau to bring in Brown Cloth, that is also notoriously fair for we have it under theyr Hands to bring it in white, and sort it in the Godown, to such and such numbers, but these matters have been fully and often discours'd before your Honour &c[a] ; so that we believe you cannot but be sensible who is in the right and who in the wrong, and we cannot but think you also [believe that] at the making of all Contracts the money was [. . .] divided amongst us, so that we hope your Hon[r]: &c[a] : will think of propper meanes to compell those people to hearken to justice and reason, who hitherto refuse and the better to cloke their ill designs have amused your Honour &c[a]. and the whole Town with lyes & falsity [. .]

The proposalls we make as before hinted Viz[t].

That all us concerned in the last Contract with some other Persons whose names are hereafter mentioned, will be bound jointly and severally for the immediat clearing of that Contract.

And for what ever we owe on former Contracts they be obliged as aforesaid to pay a Moiety thereof on a Contract of 50,000 Pagodas, abating Ten ℔ Cent of the last, to be complyed with in the space of four months, after the expiration of which to make another Contract on the same termes, and be obliged to compleat the same within the space of eight months.

And whereas it may be doubtfull what is the Just sum̃e owing by Chacco Surapa &c[a]. on those Contracts, 'tis proposed therefore the new Merchants who came in on the last Contract, and those now mentioned to come in, will be likewise bound as security for the Persons of Checo Seraupau, Naira Verona &c[a]. to be forthcoming whenever demanded. We hope these our proposalls will meet with your approbation, and that we shall find all due incouragement from your Honour &c[a]. for all our faithful and just services.

The Names of the Persons proposed to come iu on a new Contract :

Naddaray
Peddetombe Chittee
Tondaway Chitte
Costore Rangie
Comtapau Chitte
Ramdos.
Connocopilla Paupea.

Received ℔ Pattamars a Generall Letter from M[r]. Tillard at Metchlepatam inclosing some Paragraphs of a Letter he lately received from S[r]. Nicholas Wait &c[a]. at Surat advising that the Pyrats had taken two Moors ships at the mouth of that River who were coming from Moco and Judda, and a Third narrowly escaped them, for which all the Broakers belonging to Europeans were imprisoned and neither Rice nor water was suffer'd to be given them till they had pay'd the Governour 500 Rupees each ; when the New Companys and French were released,

but the old Companys and Dutch were continued, where the Government had forced them to Pay six Lack of Rupees, and strong Guards set upon their Factory's that nothing was permitted to goe in or out.

At a Consultation

Present

Tuesday 16th

Thomas Pitt Esqr. President and Governour.
Matt. Empson. Thomas Wright.
John Meverell. Thomas Marshall.

Salt Petre to be refined.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper delivers the Storekeeper Fifty Candy of Salt Petre to refine for Gunpowder for the service of this Garrison.

P. 500 pd. in for Quitt Rent.

Mr. Charles Bugden Rentall Generall payes into the Rt. Honble. Companys Cash the sum̄e of Five Hundred Pags. on Account Quit Rents for the Year ending August 1703.

Letter recd read.

Letter from Mr. William Tillard the new Company's President at Metchlepatam dated primo Instant now read, with Paragraphs of Sr. Nicholas Waits &ce. Letter to him concerning two Moors Ships be taken by Pyrats.

Provisions ordered to be lade in.

Ordered that the Steward layes in such Provisions for a siege as the Governour from time to time shall direct.

Tho. Pitt.
Tho. Wright.
Thoms. Marshall.
John Meverell.

17th Dispatch'd ℣ Armenian Cossetts a Generall Letter from Generall and Council at Surat dated this day.

19 Received ℣ Pattamars a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David dated 15th Instant advising of their having drawn a Bill of Exchange [on] us for Pagods. 10,000.

20 Received ℣ Pattamars a Generall Letter from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam dated the 28th: of past month.

21 Received ℣ Pattamars a Generall Letter from the Chief and Council at Metchlepatam dated 11th Instant.

There being arrived at Pollicherry a Patriarch and severall Padres said to be Missionarys from the Pope to inspect into Ecclisiasticall Affaires in China, one of which came this day into Town sent with a compliment from the Patriarch to the Governour, with a small Present of Jocolet, Oyle and Wine, who was civilly received & afterwards tooke up his Lodgings at the Portuguez Church.

Monday 22

At a Consultation

Present

Thomas Pitt Esqr. President & Governour.
Matt: Empson. Thomas Wright.
John Meverell. Thomas Marshall.
Mr. Ellis *sick.*

Letters received read.

Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David dated 15th: Instant, and a Generall from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam dated the [. . .] October both now read.

Money to be taken up [. . .] Interest.

We having lately made an Investment at Fort St: David for Fifty thousand Pagodas, and at [present] being in Cash to carry on the same being [difficult] by the non arrival of the Chambers Frigat [. . .] And this day having a Bill from Fort [St. David] on us for Pags. 10000. 'Tis agreed the same [be paid] at

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Interest at eight ℘ Cent to be repaid on the arrivall of the aforesaid ship, or when demanded giving ten dayes notice.

We having not above 25 Candy of Lead in this Garrison, and finding by the Vizagapatam Bookes that there is ninety odd Candy there, 'Tis agreed that we write for 60 Candy to be sent on the first Companys ship that shall call there or any other ship that will bring it freight free. 60 Ca: Lead orderd from Vizagapatam.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper advances to the Mucquaus One Hundred Pagods: towards repairing their Boats, which is to be deducted out of what Cooley hire shall become due to them. Pa: 100 to be advanced to the Mucquaus.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Monsr. de Chelonge second at Pollicherry, having la[id] some time ill of a consumption, came to St: Thomas Mount two dayes agoe in hopes the change of Air would do [him] good but being so farr out of Town and requiring [very] often attendance of the Doctor, desired leave of the [Govr:] that he might come to Monsr: Chardins Garden, which he readily granted him, and this evening he arrived. 23RD:

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS MARSHALL.
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS *sick*.

TUESDAY 23RD.

Doctr. Edward Bulkly payes into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash the sume of One thousand Pagodas at Interest att eight ℘ Cent ℘ Annum. Pa: 1000 taken up at Interest.

Generall Letter from the Chief and Council of Metchlepatm: dated 11th: Instant, with copy of a Letter from the Maddapollam Merchants to the beforementioned chief &ca now read. Lettrs: recd: read.

Capt. Henry Sinclare payes into the Rt. Honble. Companys Cash the sume of Five Hundred Pagodas at Interest at eight ℘ cent Annum. 500 taken at Interest.

Messrs George Lewis and Thomas Wigmore payes into the Rt. Honble: Comps: Cash the sume of seaven Thousand Pag. at Interest at eight ℘ cent ℘ Annum. 7000 taken at Interest.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT:
THOMS. MARSHALL:
JOHN MEVERELL.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQR. PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR.

WEDNESDAY 24TH.

MATT. EMPSON.
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS WRIGHT.
Mr. Ellis *sick*. THOMAS MARSHALL.

Mr. Matthew Empson Sea Customer payes into the Rt. Honble. Companys Cash the sume of One Thousand Pa. on Accot. Sea Customs. Pa: 1000 pd. in Accot. Sea Customs.

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Pa 7500 agreed to be taken at Interest & why. Pa 8000 to be sent by boat to Fort St. David.

In their Letter from Fort St. David they represented the delayes it occasions in the Investment to come [hither] for their money. 'Tis agreed that seaven thousand five Hundred Pagodas now offered at Interest be taken in at eight ₱ cent ₱ Annum. And that whereas there is [a] boat intending to goe thither after the new moone, and Narrain going upon Her, that Eight Thousand Pagodas be sent thither under his care.

[. . .] Interest.

Mr: Edward Fleetwood payes into the Rt. Honble. Companys Cash the sume of Five thousand Pagodas at Interest at eight ₱ cent ₱ Annum.

[. . .] at Ditto.

Messrs. George Lewis and Thomas Wigmore farther payes into the Rt. Honble Comps. Cash the sume of Three thousand Pags. at Interest at eight ₱ Cent ₱ Annum.

Inhabitants detained at St. Thoma. Compa. Souldrs. to be in a readyness.

There being last night a feast at St. Thoma which many in this Town goe yearly to, the Governour had advice this morning that the Governour there had detained severall of them, upon which he sent the Mulla & Braminy to know the occasion of it, and ordered the free Guard Company to be in a readiness to march there to fetch them if he did not deliver them.

Suraupau &c offer security which is accepted. houses and Gardens mortgaged. his confinemt hinders ye last Contract. Promise shall be cleared.

This day we tooke into consideration the Paper delivered us on the 15th: Instant by Checca Seraupau &ca wn. he now produces to us another Paper as Entered after this Consultation the purport of which is he offers 31 Merchts. Inhabitants of this Place security for their Persons which being debaited 'twas Agreed that the security should bee accepted of to corroborate which 'twas proposed to Seraupau he should mortgage all his Houses and Gardens to the Company which he agreed to, so 'twas resolved they should be Baild out in regard that all along they showed their willingness to pay their Proportion of the Companys debt, besides that they are all concerned in the last contract of wch. there is still considerable s anding out, which they represent to us as impossible to be got in during their confinement by reason of the bad influence it has on their Credit in the Country which Contract they promise shall be cleared by the last of December next.

THO: PITT.
WILL: FRASER.
THOMs. MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present:

THURSDAY 25TH

THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS MARSHALL.

Surapau &c delivers in Bonds. released

Seraupau &ca delivers us this day their security Bond for their Persons for Pagods. 20000 and a writing whereby Seraupau himself Mortgages all his Houses and Gardens for security of his Debt to the Company, upon which Seraupau, Naira Verona and Ponagettee Narso were discharged from their confinement and Tashereeft, wth 15 G[. . .] to reinstate them in their Credit.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
THOMs: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

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Honble: Thoms: Pitt Esqr:
President & Governour of
Fort St. George &ca: Council.

We the subscribers in Number Thirty Persons, do hereby bind ourselves in the penalty of Twenty thousand Pagodas for the Persons of Chaco Suraupa, Naira Verona, and Punagunty Narso to be forth coming wherever demanded by your Honour &ca within the terme of Twelve months after the Date hereof, and no farther, upon default whereof each of us under written will Pay a proportion to make up the sume of Twenty thousand Pagodas their Debt to the Rt: Honble: Company, but in case of Mortallity of the aforesaid Persons then this obligation to be void Dated in Fort St. George the 23d. November 1703.

Signed in the Presence of us
Hen. Davenport Secry.
Kittee Narrain.

Aunarmoodelaru
Verdam Mootepau
Nairoo Virago
Pottom
Deis Chittee
Woodquotta Raggana
Pogga Dallombeer
Boll Chittee
Podegallo Ram Chitte
Strẽgam Chitte
Pillaree Pedde.

Naidaraipilla
Collaway Chittee
Pedde Tombe Chittee
Pondmeet Tondawa Chittee
Ponculla Ramakisna
Tagga Vinkitte Chitte
Conocapilla Paupia
Walaca Sheva Ram
Mautum Cotorum
Connovarum Ramdos
Wotte Vinkette Putte
Pooalloo veragoe
Trevettee
Arreaupau
Eckcombarum
Podanda Ram Chitte
Minatoo Moodelaru
Mellapooree

Received ℘ Pattamar a Generall Letter from [the Commodore] and Council at Anjengo dated the 24th of past month [Con] firming to us the ill newes we lately received from [. . . .] and farther advised that there was four Pyrats on [. . .] Coast India. 26

Dispatch'd ℘ Pattamars the following Generalls Vizt: 27
To the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam.
To the New Companys President there.
To the Chief &ca Council at Vizagapatam.
To the President &ca. in Bengall all dated yesterday.

Received ℘ Pattamars a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council at Fort St. David.

Monsr: de Chelonge who arrived here the 23d: Instant dyed this morning, and in the evening was carryed to St: Thoma to be interred. 28

Dispatchd ℘ Pattamar a Generall Letter to the Commodore and Council at Anjengo dated yesterday. 30

Dispatch'd ℘ Boat a Generall Letter to the Deputy Govr. and Council of Fort St: David dated yesterday. December pmo.

The Governour this day received a Letter from Commodore Brabourne at Anjengo, inclosing Copy of Two Letters he had lately received from Capt: Weoley Comr. Pembrooke frigot who was taken by Pyrats, one of which Letters as followeth Vizt. 4th.

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Worp[ll] : S[r] :

My misfortune of being taken and detain'd by Pyrats I suppose has reached " Anjengo long since But prais'd by God I am got from them again, thro the " assistance of Cap[t.] Smith, by leave of the Commodore of this Place, and the " Commander of the Pyrat now residing about 3 leagues to the Northward, into " whose [hand] I fell by the following accident: The Commander of the ship I " was confind in by name Thomas How[ard] thro his ill conduct got the ill will " of his Company having some difference with the other Commander John Browen " shifted his ship and tooke the other Pyratt [. . .] they were together " at Rajapore and reduced both Comp: into one Viz[t]: a Moors ship which " mounts 56 Guns and 164 fighting men and 70 Lascars, she sailes but very " different; The major part French men, and other out Landish Nations. They " design to sett on the first English ship they come up with or surprise; " having two Surat ships, One from the Rivers mouth, the other off the high " Land of S[t]: Johns, in which two they tooke 256000 P[s]: $\frac{8}{8}$ and Gold; I have not " writt at large such circumstances as happend, being very much discomposed by " a long sickness I have had from April last, and indeed can't say hardly that " I am living. S[r]: I am altogether a stranger in this Place & desire a line or two " from your Hands to the Commodore for my assistance; when shall please God " to restore my strength to come down to Anjengo; And if opportunity permitts " a line to Madrass, not being [. . .] at present to write any thing at " large.

COCHIN, OCTOBER 25[th]: 1703. WORP[ll]: S[R]:

Yo [. . .]

5 Ship Restoration Cap[t.] Perring Commander arrived in this road from Bengall, by whom received a Packet from the President and Council at Fort William dated the 24[th.] past month: as also a Packet from M[r]: John Dolben &c[a]: Supra Cargoes of ship Chambers Frigat at Emoy, giving but a misserable account of the Companys Affairs there.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

TUESDAY 7TH

THOMAS PITT ESQ[R]: PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.
M[R]: ELLIS *sick*

Cash Accot: for November read.

Thomas Pitt Esq[r]: President reads his Account of the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Companys Cash for the month of November last Ballance Pagod[s]: 1,246: 7 : 5.

[. . . recd .] read.

Generall Letter from the President and Council of Fort William in Bengall dated 9[th]: October and 24[th]: November with copy of S[r]: Edward Littletons &c[a]: Letter to them; Letter from M[r.] John Dolben &c[a.] Supra Cargoes of the Chambers Frigot and a Letter from M[r.] Jones, all now read.

Agreed that on Thursday next the 9[th.] Instant in the morning the Council meet to Farm out the Tobacco, Beetle, and Arrac Farmers, and to give notice to all people to be there.

Paymastrs Accot. for October read.

M[r.] John Meverell Paymaster reads his Paymasters Account for the month of October Viz[t.]

Charges Garrison	Pa.	1,308:	2
Charges Cattle	,,	58:	22
Silk Wormes	,,	11:	6
Charges Extraordinary	,,	5:	21
Black Stone...	,,	20:	...

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Sloop Expedition	Pa.	161:	26
Charges Dyet	„	318:	34
Charges Generall	„	363:	8
West Coast	„	51:	15
Fortifications and repairs	„	204:	30
	Total	2,503:	20

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid him to defray the charges Garrison.

Order'd that Martin Martella be Entertain'd one of the Gunroome Crew in this Garrison. Gunner Entertain'd.

Vinkettee Chittee being indebted for the Europe Cloth he bought, and offering to bring in One Thousand p^s : Long cloth fine in part of Payment for the same, to be sorted by the Comp^a : sorters and Muster Agreed the same be accepted of. 1,000 ps : long cloth agreed.

THO : PITT.
THO : WRIGHT.
THOM^s : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

AT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY 9TH.

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ : PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
THOMAS MARSHALL. JOHN MEVERELL.
M^R : ELLIS AND M^R : EMPSON *sick*.

Ordered that all Persons bring in copy of their Bookes to the Secretarys office in order to be sent Home by the January shipping, and that the Secretary give notice of the same. Bookes to be brought to the Secretarys office.

This being the day appointed to Lett out to Farme the Beetle Tobacco and [Arrack] no Person appearing to bid for the same: 'Tis now deferr'd[to] Sunday the 13th: Instant, [and] accordingly the Secretary is ordered to put up a [Notice Board] to give notice to all People that are desireous to Farm y^e: same. Letting out the Farmes deferred.

There having been great trouble as well as charge in collecting the money for the Town Wall was long since assest, and this day little more then half received, and the Governour having called for the Account of the charges for collecting it, and finding it very extravagant, tho' order'd & [. . .] by the Heads of their Casts, but to prevent any farther Extraordinary Charge, 'tis agreed that M^r: Charles Bugden the Rentall Generall do collect the same, and when finished to be paid out of it One hundred Pagod^s : for his Paines. Rentall Gen^{ll} : to collect the Town Wall money. P. 100 to be allowed as Gratuity.

THO : PITT.
THO : WRIGHT.
THOM^s : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Received ℘ Pattamars a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S^{t.} David dated 7^{th.} Instant. 11

Ship Restoration Cap^{t.} Pirring Comãnder saild for the Coast of India. 12

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1702-03* ——

AT A CONSULTATION.

Present

MONDAY 13TH

THOMAS PITT ESQR. PRESIDENT & GOVERNR:
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATT: EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

[......]

Thomas Pitt Esqr. as Mintmaster reads his Mint Accot. for the month of November last and payes into the Rt. Honble. Companys Cash the sume of One Hundred and six Pagodas twenty nine fanams and forty Cash for Custom on Gold coind in the Mint.

P 1000 in Accot: Sea Custom.

Matthew Empson Sea Customer payes into the Rt. Honble. Companys Cash the sume of One Thousand Pagods. on Account Sea Customs.

Pa 1000 ordered ye: Paymr:

Agreed that One Thousand Pagodas be paid Mr. John Meverell Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Lettr: recd. read. Fort St: David bill for P: 250 ordered to be paid.

Generall Letter from the Chief and [Council at Vizaga] patam dated 2d: Instant, and from the Governour and Council of Fort St. David dated 7th. Instant both now read the former advising of a Bill of Exchange drawn on [this] Presidency for Two Hundred and fifty Pags: payable to the President, agreed the same be paid.

Present allowed the Junckaneer.

The Chief Junckaneer of the Pullamulle Country having had lately considerable favours showed from the Government, upon which he has taken to Rent many Places where our Goods are made, and this day making us a visset we could not avoid giving him the following Present.

4 Yards scarlet. 6 Yards Aurora. 1 Turbat, notwithstanding which we have reason to believe he still is an enemy to the Company's Interest.

[...] Nague Presented and reason

There being lately come to the Town one Venketasha [lla] putte Naigue Grand son of him that granted the first Cowle to the Company for this Place who [had] to make the Governour a vissett, and being [. . .] those who have been old servants to the Company whereas the Father of this man had been here [in former] Governours times, who alwayes paid him a great deal of respect, and made considerable Presents 'tis thought necessary and agreed that the following Present be made him. Vizt: 5 yards Scarlet 2 [sicca] Gold Chains Pa. 110, 1 Prospective Glass.

P: 300 pd: in account Quit Rents.

Mr: Charles Bugden Rentall Generall payes into the the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash the sume of Three hundred Pagods: on Account Quit rents ending ulto: Augt: 1703.

Warehouse Account for November last read

Mr: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper reads his Warehouse Account for the month of November last.

[Letting of] farms de[ferred].

There appearing nobody today to bid for the Farmes agreed it be deferred till tomorrow, and that the Choultry Dubash gives notice to all People in Town thereof.

[...]at ye Choultry.

It having been accustomary here for all Goods imported from the Land to pay two and a halfe ℔ Cent Custom at the Choultry, and if any of which are shipt off to pay 2 ℔ Cent more at the Sea Custom House where the Goods have hitherto been cleared by a cajan from the Choultry written in the Country Language by which we fear there has been frauds committed; so to prevent any for the future, 'Tis order'd that the Sea Customer or any else that has any office there, clear no Goods that has only paid Choultry Custom, unless the Proprietor thereof brings not only a Cajan Certificate from the Choultry but likewise the Translate thereof in English anexed thereto which is to be signed [by] the Land

Customer or the Person under him in that employ all which certificates are to be filed and Number'd in the Sea Custom House office. The Secretary is order'd to give a Copy of the foregoing to the Sea and Land Customers who are strictly to observe the same.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQr. PRESIDENT & GOVERNr.
MATT. EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMAS WRIGHT.

TUESDAY 14TH.

This day we mett about Letting the Beetle Tobacco and Arrac Farmes, but not one Soule came to bid for [them] which we impute to their Gazing at the ship now [come] in. Farmes to be Lett

The Governour acquaints the Council that last one of the six Chittees in the Godown dyed, who was [confined] there for Debt to the Company and that he had hitherto denyed his Friends the liberty of burning him till he [got] security for the Debt, they only offering that his brother should lye in Prison for the same in his roome. 'Tis agreed that the Governour insist on the former, which if he dont comply with, to accept of the latter. Chittee in ye. Godown dyed. Refused to let him be burnt.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT ESQr: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
THOMAS WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL

21TH.

Generall Letters to the President and Council of Fort William Bengall dated 18th: Instant to the Chiefs and Councils of Vizagapatam and Metchlepatam, of Ditto date now read, approved and signed; and a Letter to Edward Littleton &ca: Council. Genll. [Letters] recd. read.

Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council at Fort St: David dated 16 Instant now read advising of their having drawn a Bill of Exchange on us for Three thousand Pagodas, Agreed the same be paid and taken up of Mr: Daniel Chardin at Interest at 8 ℔ Cent ℔ Annum. Ft. St. David Bill for 3000 Pa. to be pd: P. 3000 taken up of Mr. Chardin.

Ordered that the Accomptant close up the Generall Bookes of this Place belonging to our Masters, not staying for those of the subordinate Factoryes. Genll: bookes to be closed up.

Agreed Twenty five Pags: be advanc'd to ye. Washers now going to Fort St. David. Pa. 25 pd. Washers.

THO: PITT.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
THO: WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1702–03*——

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

WEDNESDAY 29TH:

THOMAS PITT ESQR: PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR.
THOMAS WRGHT. THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL. MR: ELLIS *Sick*.

Paymr: Accot: for Novembr: read.

Mr: John Meverell Paymaster reads his Paymaster's Account for the month of November last Vizt.

Charges Garrision	Pa.	1213 :	[16] :	=
Charges Cattle	„	49 :	11 :	=
Silk Wormes	„	14 :	5 :	=
West Coast	„	84 :	16 :	=
Black stone	„	30 :	= :	=
Charges Dyett	„	457 :	= :	=
Charges Generall	„	318 :	10 :	=
Fortification and repairs		175 :	5 :	=
Pags. ...		2,341 :	27 :	=

Mr: Haynes death acquaint'd this board.

The Governour acquaints the Councill of the death of Mr. Haynes at Fort St. David, and produces a paper sent him by Mr. Roberts to which there are severall witnesses wherein Mr. Haynes appoints Mr. Edmund Mountague his Trustee and in the close of the Paper seemingly designed somebody else to be Joint with him which Mr. Roberts construes to be himself, but desires in his Letter to be excused from the same, so that in regard that his Sister is nearest related to ye. Children, who is to have an equall share with them 'tis agreed that we write a Letter to Mr. Mountague yt. he takes care of Mr. Haynes Effects, and when he examines his escrutore and papers he calls his Sister to be a wittness of the same.

Ordered that the Accomptant draw out the Accot. of Salary due in England to the Company's Factors in this Presidency to be remitted home as they have ordered in their last Letters by the Tavestock that everyone has their Account delivered them signed by the Accomptant that so they may write their Attorneys to receive the same in England, or request the Company to send it out in Silver, if such Permission can be obtained.

THOS: PITT.
THOS: WRIGHT.
JOHN MEVERELL. THOMS MARSHALL.

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